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Protesters and Pharmacists Put their Case to MPP Rick Johnson in Minden

Lyn Winans

Photojournalist



They arrived in dribs and drabs beginning around noon, but by 12:30 last Friday, you could hardly navigate the aisles inside Minden Pharmasave. People also gathered out on the sidewalk, and like those inside, were wearing white T-shirts proclaiming, "Rick Johnson, don't cut my health care, Rick Johnson, I trust my pharmacist, Rick Johnson, I need my job". The placards on the street relayed similar messages; some focused specifically on seniors' concerns and economic repercussions of Bill 16. The crowd that gathered in Minden on Friday was determined to get their message to MPP Rick Johnson, and they waited patiently for his arrival.

The shirts, placards and full-page media ads were an initiative organized by Richard Smith and Peter Meraw, owners and pharmacists at Minden Pharmasave. With Bill 16 due to be passed in the Legislature on May 15th, the pair realized that if something wasn't done immediately, it would be too late for anyone to voice an opinion and express their opposition to the drastic cuts to pharmacy subsidies planned by the Ontario Government. The last day for public input is May 8th. In a week and a half, they had printed shirts, made placards and organized a rally to present a petition to

MPP Rick Johnson. Pharmacists from Fenelon Falls and Haliburton were also in attendance, as were previous owners and pharmacists, Paul and Jan Heffer, who kept Pharmasave business on schedule, while Meraw and Smith focused on the upcoming meeting with Mr. Johnson.

Prior to Johnson's arrival, pharmacist Richard Smith addressed the gathering and outlined his vision of a civil and respectable meeting where residents of the county would get an opportunity to voice their concerns to their elected representative. There would be no "raging seniors" at this rally! Although the assembly was scheduled at noon on a workday, not all in attendance were seniors: apparently some younger people also realized that cuts will eventually effect everybody, and made their way downtown in support.

During his appeal, Smith reminded those in attendance that this area has the highest percentage of seniors, along with the lowest per-capita income of any area in Ontario. He continued, "We need to send a very clear message that we would like Mr. Johnson to represent us. I emphasize the word peaceful, I understand that some of you are very agitated by this, but we need to handle this with decorum. It's important that Mr. Johnson leave here today knowing that there's a community that needs his support. We are taking a stand for health care. We want well negotiated legislation at the end of the day."

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Frost Centre to Close

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

"There was a contract with Mr. Aubry that wasn't fulfilled." (MPP Rick Johnson)

Despite the best efforts of the Frost Centre Institute's General Manager Al Aubry, the centre will be closing its doors permanently tomorrow.

High operating costs and a lack of capital investments placed the final nails in the coffin for the centre and everything that it offered.

Aubry took over the Frost Centre in 2007. In 2008 he proposed a year round operation including a summer camp and a conference centre, and sought support for funding to launch the Frost Environmental College in partnership with the University of Guelph.

While the college offered a full Middle and Secondary School curriculum, it also planned to place special emphasis on environmental education. The campus, given its waterfront location and the fact that it was surrounded by vast areas of boreal forest made the Frost Centre the perfect environment for a program that was touted as being unparalleled

anywhere in the world.

During an interview with the Voice in the late fall of 2008, Aubry admitted that establishing the College was a huge undertaking. Over \$800,000 was required at that time to make much needed renovations and that didn't take into account the investment required for staffing, teaching equipment, computers, furniture and fixtures.

Ultimately, it proved too big a task. The centre was unable to become self sufficient and could not meet its financial responsibilities, primarily in the form of lease payments to the Government of Ontario as the owners of the facility. According to MPP Rick Johnson, while the provincial government was as lenient with the institute as they could be, they finally had to make a difficult decision. The Centre hadn't paid rent on the facility since its first installment almost three years ago.

MPP Rick Johnson was reluctant to say much about the cancellation of the agreement: "There was a contract with Mr. Aubry that wasn't fulfilled. The government had bent over backwards trying to give him every opportunity to bring the lease up to date, but unfortunately that didn't happen."

Johnson said that the government will take over the

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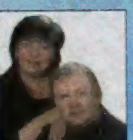
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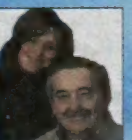
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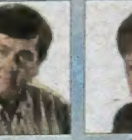
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Haliburton All Terrain Vehicle Association Hosts Ride

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

The Haliburton All Terrain Vehicle Association hosted a complimentary familiarization ride and free BBQ for members and non-members alike this past Saturday. The all day guided trail ride set off from South Wind Motel and Campground on Highway 121 about 10 AM and the 90+ ATV's traveled through Minden and along Scotch Line Road en-route to off-road wilderness trails leading to Anson Mountain. By looking after the cost of insurance and passes for riders, the HATVA hoped that the new riders would appreciate the recreational opportunities available in the county and consider membership in the HATVA.

Ride co-coordinator Harold Clayton was pleased with the day's event. Riders from as far away as New York State, as well as many riders from central and southern Ontario, but new to Haliburton County, were impressed with the trails, and as a result, several took out memberships.

The HATVA has a kids' training session scheduled for May 1st at the South Wind Motel and Campground, and an "ATV mud run" slated for 9 AM on June 19th in conjunction with the Kinsman truck pull at the Minden fairgrounds. For more information, call Harold at 705-286-2432. ■



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facility to ensure that it is maintained. He also confirmed that the centre was considered a valuable asset and would not be sold.

"We have to protect our asset and expect that, sometime in the future, the government will seek proposals for the centre."

Johnson wouldn't say exactly how much the loss amounted to, simply commenting that it was a private contract. But he did say it was significant. "The heat stayed on, plus the government installed a new water treatment at an extremely significant cost, so we more than lived up to all of our obligations." He also commented that he was sure that the recession hadn't helped the situation any.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that she couldn't express how sorry the municipality as a whole was to see the centre close. "We were very hopeful that Aubry would be successful."

Harrison said that she was unaware of the details, but confirmed that the municipality had received a call from the Ontario Realty Corporation proposing a meeting with both county and municipal officials. In the meantime, she said, "The Corporation has assured us that there will be no impact to our trails operations."

Algonquin Highlands Trails Manager Mark Coleman confirmed that the municipality leases a separate building on the corner of the property from the provincial government; an agreement that was established long before the Frost Centre re-opened.

Harrison said that the municipality had looked at the facility in the past. "As we grow we will always need more space. However, the facility isn't designed to allow for good use by a municipality without making major changes. It simply isn't conducive to our needs."

Harrison also said that the municipality had taken a hard look at the facility in the past and admitted that at one time

they could have purchased the centre at a greatly reduced cost. In the end the Council decided that the cost of the facility's upkeep would be an insurmountable disadvantage.

Aubry admitted that the institute's business model hadn't foreseen that they would have so much trouble bringing people to the centre during the winter months.

"Last summer our camp program was really beginning to gain traction and even recently we had been getting a lot of interest from overseas. In spite of the recession we were starting to do quite well, but it wasn't enough to carry the day. We were getting fairly good clientele during the summer and even during the shoulder seasons, but from Thanksgiving to early spring the business wasn't sufficient to operate a place that is most expensive to run during the winter."

But, he said when a new business is trying to make things work it can

be tough. "We tried different things. We tried to find private equity financing, but given the position of the capital markets it was tough. Being a not-for-profit organization where there would be no shared return on investment made it even harder. We applied for a Rural Economic Development grant, but weren't successful."

And that, Aubry said, was the final blow.

Aubry said that for three years he had tried to put more and more into the business, "but it would have taken enough capital to withstand losses for next four or five years and it's very difficult to put together that much capital."

Aubry said that part of the program was absolutely wonderful and that they had enjoyed great events at the centre. "Everyone loved the place. We just couldn't solve the challenge of bringing people there during the winter

months. And as to venturing into anything associated with snowmobilers or ice fishing, there's enough capacity in the current B&B's and lodges to take care of that and we were not there to try to compete with them."

Aubry admitted that last year they were served a warning that the lease might be terminated, but he was still caught off guard when he received the final notice on April 12th that they were to vacate the centre by the 16th. "That caught us by surprise, even though we had notice six months before. We thought it was a bit unduly harsh, particularly when we had three groups booked in the last two weeks of April, two of which were Ontario government agencies."

He suggested that it was an excellent example of the right hand of the government not knowing what the left hand was doing. "MNR was hosting an international wolf stewards' conference and the OPP Special Services were holding a training centre. We could have walked out, but we knew that on that short notice, they couldn't set up alternate accommodations. We wanted to honour our commitment to those groups and through our lawyers, the government agreed to an extension to the 30th."

"They'll be the last through the doors and we're doing our best to give them a great event without actually having to pull the rugs out from under their feet."

When asked what was next for Aubry he said, "I used to serve on a number of corporate boards and have had several invitations, so I'll probably do that for a couple of days a week and other than that I think I'll spend some time with my grandkids. I'll listen to some classical music and do a bit of woodworking."

Fortunately, some of the Aubry's work that got underway at the Frost Centre will carry on. He said that he and his wife had set up a charity while looking for ways to raise funds to help sponsor disadvantaged kids come to the camp. He couldn't say enough about the pleasure that being able to offer kids a life changing experience had given him. "It took a couple of years to set up and we plan to keep the charity going. A lot of kids have been sponsored through the generosity of people that we know, boys and girls from all over Ontario. We will keep doing that, but instead of going to the Frost Centre, we'll send them to special needs and educational camps across the province. That will keep me busy as well and put that money to good use."

Aubrey turns the keys over this Friday. ■

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TUESDAY



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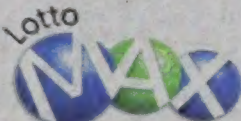


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Antigua	30/23/pc	31/23/su	31/26/su	Nassau	29/20/su	30/21/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/25/su	31/26/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	34/27/sh	35/27/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	21/16/pc	22/17/su	22/16/sh	Puerto Vallarta	27/19/su	27/19/su	28/20/su
Cancun	31/24/ts	32/23/pc	32/24/pc	St Thomas	29/24/pc	30/24/pc	31/25/pc
Curacao	32/26/ts	33/26/pc	32/27/ts	St. Maarten	29/25/pc	30/25/su	29/24/pc
Freeport	24/19/su	27/20/su	29/20/su	San Jose, CR	28/22/ts	28/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/ts	31/25/ts	30/23/ts	San Juan	31/25/su	31/24/pc	31/24/su
Havana	31/21/pc	30/20/cl	31/21/su	San Salvador	33/24/ts	32/24/ts	32/22/su
Key West	27/22/su	28/23/pc	28/26/pc	Santo Domingo	33/24/sh	34/24/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	31/25/pc	31/26/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	36/24/su	35/25/ts	34/24/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

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Barrie	16/2/su	19/7/pc	19/8/sh	16/5/ts	17/5/pc	14/3/pc	16/5/sh
Dorset	16/1/su	18/7/pc	19/7/sh	16/4/ts	16/4/pc	14/3/pc	16/4/sh
Haliburton	16/2/su	19/7/pc	19/8/sh	16/5/ts	16/4/pc	14/3/pc	16/5/sh
Huntsville	16/1/su	18/7/pc	19/7/sh	16/4/ts	16/4/pc	14/3/pc	16/4/sh
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Ottawa	14/2/pc	18/5/su	19/6/sh	14/4/sh	15/4/pc	14/2/su	14/3/pc
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NATIONAL CITIES

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Calgary	13/2/sh	15/3/sh	11/2/sh	8/1/sh	8/1/sh	7/0/sh	6/-1/sh
Edmonton	10/4/sh	12/3/sh	9/0/sh	9/-1/pc	8/-3/cl	7/-4/pc	6/-6/pc
Fredericton	9/2/sh	10/2/sh	8/0/pc	10/1/pc	8/0/sh	7/-1/sh	8/1/pc
Halifax	9/2/sh	10/2/sh	8/1/pc	9/3/pc	8/1/sh	8/0/sh	9/1/pc
Montreal	13/2/cl	18/4/su	19/6/sh	14/3/sh	14/2/pc	13/2/su	13/3/pc
Regina	16/4/sh	14/4/sh	13/2/sh	9/1/sh	9/0/cl	7/-1/sh	6/-2/sh
St. John's	4/-1/sh	4/-1/mx	4/-2/mx	6/-1/pc	4/-2/sh	3/-3/mx	3/-2/mx
Saskatoon	14/3/sh	14/3/sh	11/2/sh	9/0/pc	9/0/pc	7/-3/sh	7/-4/mx
Vancouver	13/6/cl	12/5/sh	13/6/su	11/4/sh	13/6/sh	13/6/cl	12/5/pc
Whitehorse	16/4/pc	13/2/cl	9/0/sh	3/-3/sn	2/-6/cl	3/-4/sn	2/-4/sn
Winnipeg	16/7/sh	15/6/sh	12/2/sh	7/-2/sh	8/-2/pc	8/-3/sh	6/-5/sh

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Friday 4/23	15°C	-4°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 4/22	8°C	1°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/21	16°C	0°C	0.0 mm
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Sat.	6:03 a.m./8:20 p.m.	none/7:52 a.m.
Sun.	6:02 a.m./8:21 p.m.	12:12 a.m./8:50 a.m.
Mon.	6:00 a.m./8:22 p.m.	12:57 a.m./9:52 a.m.
Tues.	5:59 a.m./8:23 p.m.	1:32 a.m./10:56 a.m.
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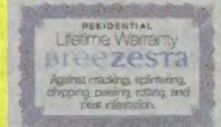
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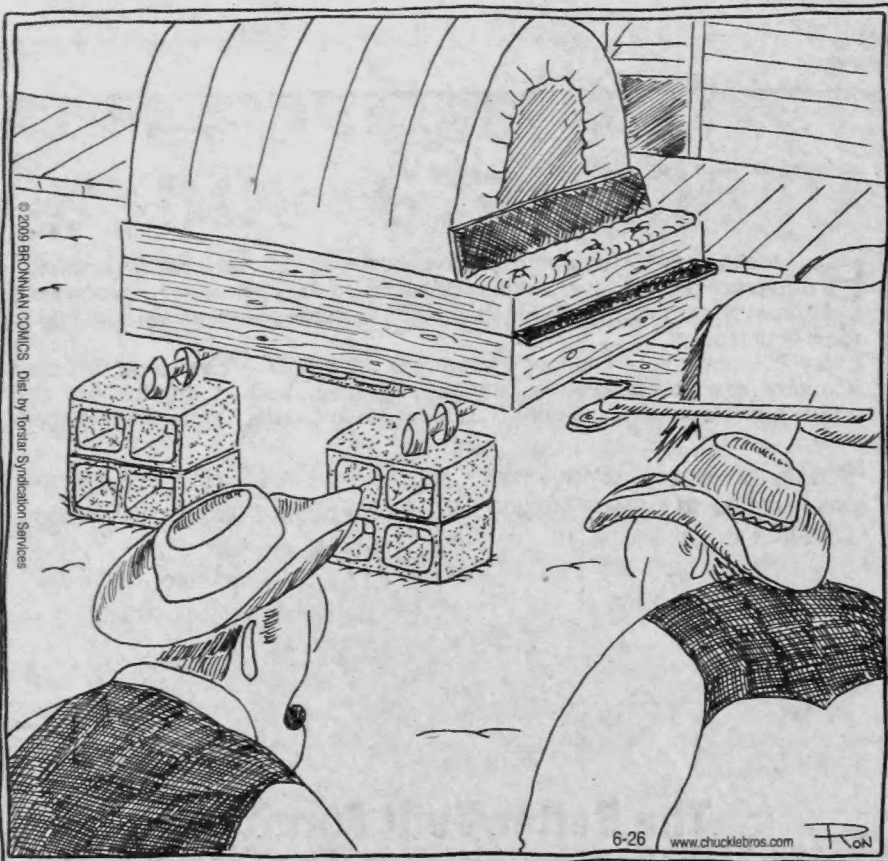


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"I knew I shouldn't have chromed the spokes."

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"I am delighted to see that the farmers' market movement could not be killed outright, but has found a new home."

I have followed the development of Haliburton Farmers Market for the past two years, attending two special seminars on local food production at the Haliburton Campus of Sir Sanford Fleming College. It was at these seminars that local producers were persuaded to create a farmers market. I was dismayed as I witnessed over the past five months the slow strangulation of the enthusiasm for the farmers market by bureaucratic red tape manufactured at Dysart Council.

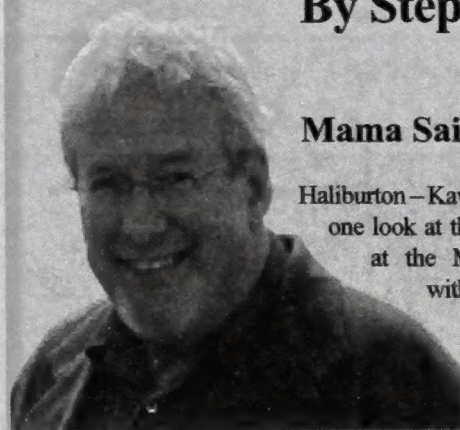
I am delighted to see that the farmers' market movement could not be killed outright, but has found a new home. I want to congratulate Minden Hills Council for their "progressive and enlightened decision" to offer a new home and legal framework to the market. I also want to commend Angel Taylor, Chair of the HCFMA, for her positive and "understanding" treatment of Dysart council. None of the bitterness expressed in earlier letters to the editor by vendors was expressed here. However if Minden Hills council is progressive and enlightened we all now know what Dysart council is not.

Three cheers to the HFCMA.

Armin Weber
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Mama Said There'd be Days Like This

Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock MPP Rick Johnson took one look at the 200 or so well-orchestrated demonstrators at the Minden Pharmasave last Friday, complete with their matching T-shirts and snappy signs, and quickly realized that this was not just another consultation with a few annoyed constituents. In response to a question from the Voice, Johnson admitted he would have appreciated knowing in advance that a full-bore demonstration lay in wait for him,

particularly since his probable Conservative opponent in the next provincial election, Laurie Scott, was front and centre in the crowd, and surrounded by friends. Indeed, there was more than a whiff of partisanship in the air, which is to be expected when hot-button issues bubble up out of the murky depths of the simmering political cauldron known as Queen's Park. Add in the perceived threat of cutting drug subsidies to seniors, not to mention the impending demise of rural pharmacies, and you have a recipe for a royal rumble.

Despite all of that, the ensuing confrontation between Johnson and the Pharmasave owners was a model of politeness and respect which Johnson certainly appreciated. But at the same time, the tactics of the Pharmacists' lobby haven't impressed him: "Call centres are targeting my constituents, phoning and asking them 'Do you agree with the McGuinty government's plan to cut health care?' If they say yes, the call is automatically directed to my office, where in fact it gives us a chance to let them know that we're not cutting health care at all. But the tactic is interesting."

Johnson is in a difficult position, again trying to defend rural interests against an urban-dominated governing party, albeit his own. To make his week even worse, our stalwart Premier, Dalton McGuinty decided to trash a carefully thought out and nuanced Health and Physical Education curriculum for elementary schools that had been years in the making, just days after his Education Minister, and many in his caucus, had vigorously defended it in the Legislature. One part of the new curriculum deals with sex education, and even advocates discussion of homosexuality, masturbation, and other topics that, as we all know, our 9-to-14 year-olds have never ever heard of, anywhere, promise. These children have without question never, ever, watched South Park, for example, particularly a recent edition aired this week that featured a "You Toob" video devoted in its entirety to (sshh, whispers only) anal sex. And McGuinty, the self-styled "Education Premier" who prides himself on being a progressive, obviously feels so uncomfortable with these topics that just one or two phone calls from the repressive Christian and Muslim religious right sends him scurrying for cover. The fact is that his inability to contemplate the possibility that these subjects need to be raised with children surely proves exactly why our schools should have a role in sex education.

And as for MPP Johnson, it must indeed have been a sad day. After all, Johnson has been a school trustee and school board chair, where he was a strong advocate of a progressive approach to these difficult matters. "It's a difficult issue for me, I won't deny that. But we live in a multicultural society, a society with many denominations and beliefs, and we have to respect that. I think also that we could have consulted more widely. But the irony is, as well, that much of the new curriculum was in fact in the old – it's not that much different. We'll simply have to fight harder and explain things better, to parents especially."

The Conservative opposition, of course, immediately jumped on the bandwagon, clearly delighted to find another potential 'wedge' issue given to them on a silver platter. For Johnson's sake, at least there's a long, hot summer on the BBQ circuit to look forward too, once these pesky issues fade away. Surely the pharmacists and the Health Minister will find common ground: and the school year is winding down, and the government promised to re-examine the curriculum proposal by the fall. In the meantime, just switch on South Park, one of our by-default sex educators. At least it's funnier, slightly, than the sight of Dalton running at 100 miles an hour into the closet with a bag over his head. ■



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Dear Editor:

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"As a former nurse I know the importance of having a strong health care system..."

Ensuring good quality health care in the province of Ontario should be a priority for any government. The current government has forgotten that. In a time when communities such as ours are having difficulty attracting doctors and we are seeing access to quality healthcare declining, the McGuinty government is targeting yet another of our critical local resources.

Recently the McGuinty government announced changes to the pharmaceutical industry that would cut almost a billion dollars in assistance to pharmacists - front line health care providers in many of our communities.

As a former nurse I know the importance of having a strong health care system - from doctors, front line hospital staff and other health care service providers in the community to those that provide services above and beyond their calling in our local pharmacies.

I've heard from many pharmacists and their customers who are concerned that these cuts to funding could result in reduced services or the closure of small pharmacies, like the ones located in our communities.

I want to commend the pharmacists for all the work they do, not only to help people who are ill, but to keep people healthy. They provide large savings to our health care system by providing services in the community and reducing the need to visit a doctor or hospital. This is especially important in our communities where we are also dealing with the shortage of doctors.

As MPP I worked with people in our small communities on health care issues and I know how much people rely on the advice and services that they are currently receiving from their local pharmacist.

I hope that you will join me in speaking out against this cut to health care funding and help save our rural and small town pharmacies.

Laurie Scott,
Kinmount ON ■

Dear Editor:

EARTH DAY - Litter Tarnishes Haliburton County's Beauty

We should all participate in earth day if only to clean up our beautiful nature's view.

I have been embarrassed by the litter on South Lake Road so my husband and I took a few hours and "picked" litter. In 3 miles (5 kms.) we accumulated 140 beer cans, 59 coolers and liquor bottles (these will add to our grandson's future university fund), 5 leaf size bags of aluminum and plastic recyclables, 1 bag of paper, 4 bags of garbage, 1 bag of rags and a couch cushion, a rubber mat, and various steel.

Prevention is always the best medication and this is our dream. If each of us took our grandchildren or a neighbour child to pick up litter for even a kilometre near our homes/cottages we would be improving our surrounding, make the environment safe for wildlife, and teach a valuable lesson to future generations. I began this exercise with our grandson when he was just 4 years old and he is abhorred when he sees someone litter or the litter on the sides of our roads.

I spoke about the litter on our roads to several friends who live here and they said, "It is the tourists from the city, not locals, who do this". I am sorry to report that I don't think tourists driving on South Lake Rd. throw the same orange cooler, alpenbitter little bottle, or the same brand of cigarette box, repeatedly out of their car window in approximately the same area. This is a sad reality.

People seeing us cleaning South Lake Road gave us kudos, brought us coffee, stopped and thanked us for doing a "good job" and honked in approval. We appreciated the support of our community. Thanks.

It is a proven fact that if litter and graffiti are removed others are less likely to add to the unsightly mess.

If each property owner would take a bag, go for a walk and pick the litter in even a kilometre of their area think how clean and more beautiful our County would be, the exercise would be beneficial to our physical well being and we would all enjoy our surrounding nature with pride.

Kay Moore
Minden Hills. ■

Dear Editor:

"I am opposed to this Bill as I feel the status quo is generous enough for new Canadians."

Over the past few months, my office has received a high volume of correspondence from people all across the riding concerned about Bill C-428, a bill I strongly oppose.

The piece of legislation in question, introduced by Ruby Dhalla, the Liberal Member of Parliament for Brampton Springdale, attempts to change the residency requirement in order to qualify for Old Age Security (OAS).

Currently, in order to qualify for OAS, there is a 10 year residency requirement after age 18. If this is met, eligible Canadians can start receiving benefits at age 65. Ms. Dhalla's legislation proposes to reduce the residence requirement to just three years.

As I have stated in my replies to the many constituents who have been contacting my office about this issue, I am opposed to this Bill as I feel the status quo is generous enough for new Canadians.

In my opinion, the 10 year requirement period strikes an appropriate balance between an individual's contribution to Canadian society and the economy and his or her access to a lifelong, publicly funded benefit.

It should be pointed out that Canada does make OAS agreements with nations that have comparable social security programs, which allow some newcomers to Canada to qualify for OAS sooner. It should also be noted that in these cases it works both ways and a Canadian could also qualify for a pension in a foreign country that had a reciprocal agreement.

The reason that Canada does not currently have agreements like this with every country is because they do not have social security programs like ours to enable reciprocal agreements; Bill C-428 would provide those new immigrants with OAS benefits after only three years residency when they have come from a country with no comparable program to pay into.

That is why I believe it is reasonable to expect that a person live in Canada for a minimum period of time before being granted the right to a lifelong public benefit. As such, I believe the government is taking a fair and responsible approach to providing benefits to seniors through Canada's OAS program.

In addition, if passed, it is estimated that Bill C-428 would cost taxpayers over \$700 million, rendering this proposal costly and irresponsible, and would be paid for by Canadian taxpayers. With all of this in mind, I will be joining my caucus colleagues and be voting against Bill C-428 when it comes forward for Second Reading until some time in 2011.

Barry Devolin, MP
Haliburton - Brock - Kawartha Lakes. ■

Dear Editor:

"Coming to Kawagama Lake each year has always been the high point of my summer."

My family has been coming to Kawagama Lake for over 80 years. When I look at that aerial photo of the area proposed for boat storage, I am very disturbed. You can see the magnificent colors of the trees in that area and can only imagine the horror of having so many of those acres destroyed. Since the area he needs is for boat storage, I do not understand why the owner is not able to obtain land in Baysville or the Bracebridge area for this purpose. He would only have to add some additional charges for transporting boats to the lake. Unfortunately, unless the "powers that be" live in the Kawagama area, they will only see "\$" signs for increased taxes along with growth.

Coming to Kawagama Lake each year has always been the high point of my summer. My family is originally from New York State, but in the past 20 years I have lived in Utah. Knowing that the lake is there waiting for me in all its beauty and peacefulness is SO very important to me and I bring my family each year to enjoy its wonders.

I am totally against the building of a storage facility for boats in this area. I feel it was extremely wrong to have Mr. MacDonald represented as being from the KLCA (and that the association is in agreement with this plan). The organization should not have been mentioned at all.

I wish the Russell Landing Road Group the best with this problem.

Sincerely,
Stacia Thomas
Doc's Rocks ■

Thirty Hour Famine Tomorrow at HHSS

Around 75 students from Haliburton High School are currently partaking in a 30 hour famine which will end tomorrow night at 10pm.

Haliburton High School students have been conducting 30 hour famines for a number of years to help battle world hunger statistics with pledge forms to raise money for their fast. For the past six years, David Bretzlaff, pastor at Lakeside Baptist Church has helped to co-ordinate the event.

All of the money raised from the 30 hour famine will go to World Vision, a Christian relief development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

The 30 hour famine is an international youth movement to fight hunger with national 30 hour famine drives held across Canada on an annual basis.

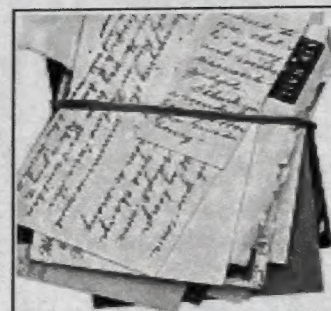
Although the famine is held to benefit those in developing countries the students also have seen a clear need to give back to their own community. On Friday afternoon from 4pm to 5.30pm they will be conducting a food drive in Haliburton Village to collect non-perishable food for the 4C's food bank. Bretzlaff notes, "The students have been to the 4C's to see the work they do, and as well directors from the food bank have visited the school to speak about local issues." Not only does the food drive highlight local poverty issues but it also shows the miles that children have to travel in developing countries to get somewhere on an empty stomach. "When the students are 12 hours into the fast you're not feeling great but you have to walk around town and use your energy to collect food it's not easy. In some cases seven year old kids are walking two miles to get to school and then two miles back all on a handful of rice," said Pastor Bretzlaff.

Directly afterwards students from Stuart Baker Elementary School will be visiting the High School for a Fun Fair from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Bretzlaff adds, "We wanted to use the time when the kids are fasting as a way to give back to the community and make it productive."

Later in the evening a talent show will be held with intermissions including presentations on issues such as human trafficking, child soldiers, food and water crises. Bretzlaff wants the students, "to see that although these are very serious issues there are resources to fix them and we want to highlight there that is hope." ■

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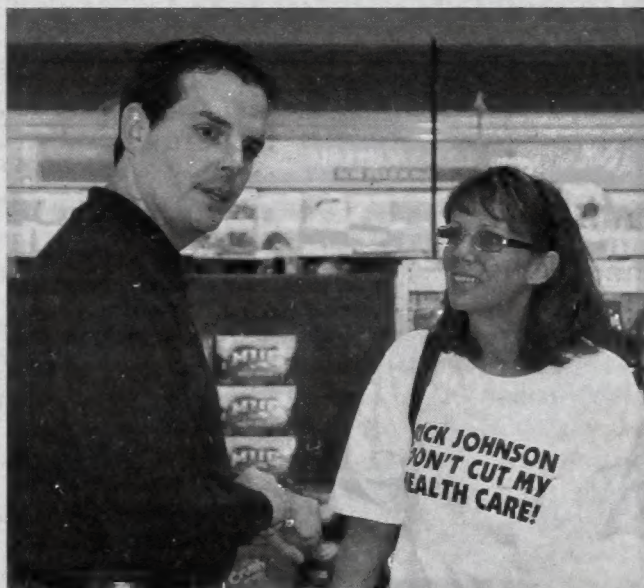
Health Care Decisions...

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Rick Johnson arrived at approximately 12:45. He spent considerable time with the pharmacists, learning first hand the intricacies of rural pharmaceutical services. When Mr. Johnson finally addressed the group, he claimed that, "rural Ontario needs our drugstores". When asked by a CHEX reporter if he'd vote against the bill if his party didn't concur, the response was, "It's got to be fair to everyone." He said he would present his concerns to his government, talked briefly about the fact that he himself came from a small town, and with a grin, thanked the crowd for having his name spelled correctly on the T-shirts.

Before heading to the Cultural Center to deliver more arts funding, Mr. Johnson was presented a petition by Betty Milford. At the time, the document contained 600 signatures, an additional 200 were added by Monday. Johnson was also well aware that there was a political side to the demonstration, and told the Voice over the weekend that that was to be expected: "I know (former Conservative MPP) Laurie Scott was in the crowd, and there's always a confrontational aspect to politics. But I know that local pharmacies are sincere in their concerns, and I'll do what I can to alleviate those concerns. I just wish they'd come back to the table so we can figure out a solution."

In a post-rally interview, Richard Smith stressed that pharmacists want lower prices too. "Where will people go if small town pharmacies are forced to close, to the emergency room? That's even more expensive than the system we presently have. This town has guts, it's getting informed and becoming part of the process, as Bill 16 stands now, it's legislation without proper negotiation. I'm proud of this town", Smith concluded. ■



Top: Pharmacist Peter Meraw talks with a protester.
Above: Pharmacist Richard Smith with MPP Rick Johnson
Right: Johnson looks over the hundreds of petitions.

Kinmount Pharmacist Speaks Out Against Government Cuts

Liz Danielson
Staff Reporter

"To tell someone that they will be making half of what they make, when all of their costs remain the same is an impossible situation." (Kass Eshkour)

"The government seems to have forgotten rural areas." That's according to Kass Eshkour who owns the Kinmount Pharmacy. And Eshkour says that it is the rural pharmacies that are about to be hit the hardest by the provincial government's Bill 16.

Eshkour's comments are in response to the province's decision to cut the cost of generic drugs in half. At the present time, generic drugs sell for about half of the cost of their brand-name equivalents and the province's move would slash the price of generics to about a quarter of the price of brand-name drugs. The decision is estimated to save the province about \$500 million a year, as it would have to set aside less money for the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, which covers patients like seniors and the disabled.

The province also plans to ban millions of dollars worth of "professional allowances" that generic drug makers pay Ontario pharmacies to stock their products; a move that has angered big pharmacy chains and independent operators alike. They are arguing that they'll have to make drastic changes to their business models in order to survive, if the changes are implemented, and Eshkour agrees, but he goes a step further in saying that many of the small rural pharmacies will be hit much harder and may even have to close.

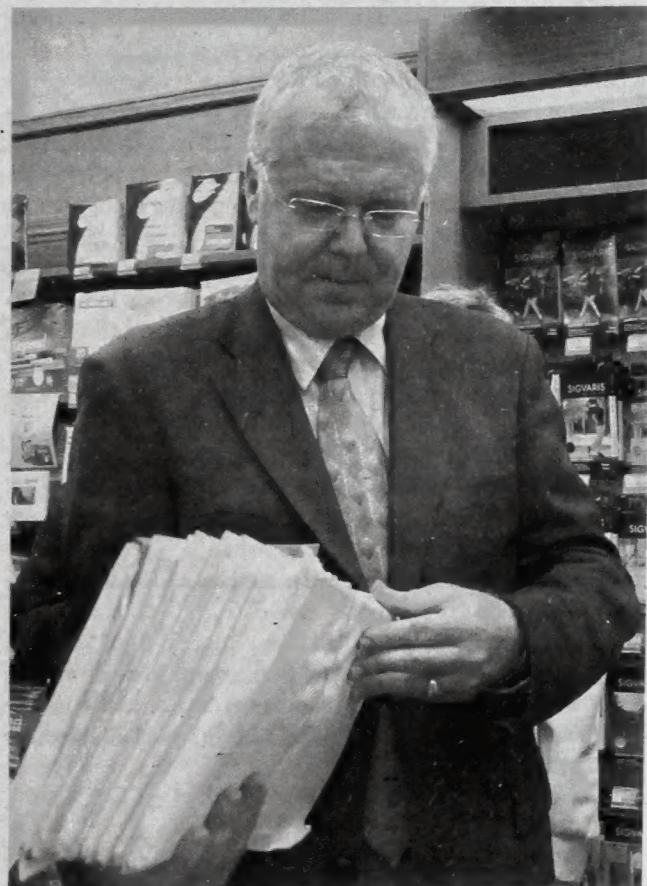
According to Eshkour, at the present time one of the biggest services that he provides is patient counselling. "I often spend anywhere from a half hour to 40 minutes ensuring that they understand their medications. I have a part time pharmacist that frees my time up to allow home visits but, with the cuts, I will no longer be able to afford the cost of an additional pharmacist."

Eshkour also said that the cuts would force him to reduce his hours. "We have two technicians and we will likely have to reduce their hours dramatically. We also do free home delivery and we will have to either cancel that service or charge something for it. In this area that isn't an option as many of our patients are on a fixed income and can't pay for the service."

As with many other small northern communities, Kinmount residents include a fairly high number of low income seniors. Eshkour referred to the Bobcaygeon area where retirees from the city are much more affluent, but he said, "There isn't nearly as much to attract them to Kinmount and many of the residents are long time residents surviving on low incomes."

Eshkour also said that there are a lot of seniors in the community that don't drive. "They depend on the delivery of their prescriptions or for their relations to pick them up. If our hours are reduced or we were forced to close, they would not have ready access to medications. In the long run some of them would ultimately be hospitalized and the cost on the health care system would be even greater."

When looking at the government's decision from a business point of view, Eshkour agreed that his business would suffer, but he said, "We would be able to find something else to keep us going, but the most vulnerable people at the greatest risk are the



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Knmount Pharmacy Technician Val Goodin and Pharmacist Kass Eshkour

seniors and they don't have any choice."

Eshkour said that many times as a health care provider he can assess whether a patient needs to go to the hospital to see a physician. He asserted that, "If you take the pharmacist out of the picture, those people will have to go to the hospital emergency every time and eventually the hospitals will become more crowded."

"For 20 years, the government has been paying a \$7.00 dispensing fee for all seniors, patients with disabilities or on social assistance or patients on the Trillium Drug Program. During that time we have had an 89 cent raise," Eshkour said, adding that it now costs twice as much to provide a prescription to seniors.

And according to Eshkour the funding gap has come from the generic pharmaceutical companies. "Those professional allowances are regulated and we report what we have received to the government, along with an explanation of how it has been spent. Now the government is eliminating the professional allowances and dropping the generic prices by 50 percent."

Eshkour says that if that money is taken away the smaller pharmacies will be unable to provide many of their existing services. "By dropping the cost of the drugs by 50 percent, that also affects our mark-up which further reduces services."

The message that Eshkour and other small pharmacies are trying to get across to the government is that, if they are taking the professional allowances away, then it should give the pharmacies what it actually costs to dispense a prescription which is \$14.00. "Instead they are giving us a \$1.00 raise, increasing the dispensing fees from \$7.00 to \$8.00."

"To tell someone that they will be making half of what they make when all of their costs remain the same is an impossible situation," he said.

Eshkour said that the sad thing about all this is that the government's decision is hitting the independent pharmacies the most which represent 50 percent of the pharmacies across the country. And according to Eshkour, generic drugs represent only 25% of the drug costs to the government. "The other 75% of the costs are the 'big pharma' or the brand name drugs that the government has done nothing with."

"If I were the government I would be trying to reduce costs in the area where 75% of my costs where, rather than taking from the small pharmacy."

Eshkour said that his local municipal councillors had been very supportive of his position, but when he spoke with MPP Rick Johnson, he felt that, for the most part, Johnson was defending the decision that his party had made.

"Truthfully, as our MPP, I'd like to see him convey the message of his constituents in the area, that the biggest risk is to the small rural pharmacies. There are a limited number of pharmacies in rural Ontario and they will be hit hard."

Eshkour said, "I haven't seen Rick Johnson speaking against the bill at all, and I haven't seen him support the local rural pharmacies that are serving low income residents either. McGuinty may not realize how great the impact will be on rural areas, but Mr. Johnson should understand. Within his riding people are underserved and this will take the first line of defence out of the picture. I expect him to stand up in parliament and convey our feelings."

According to Eshkour the impact on pharmacies in the larger centres like Toronto will be relatively small compared to the small rural pharmacies where the impact is dramatic.

"Right now I have a diabetic patient that I spend about a half

hour each week to go over his diet and medications. With the cutbacks we will have to reduce our hours and I won't be able to give him the personal attention that he deserves. If we are forced to close, many of my customers either won't or can't drive to Lindsay or Peterborough for their medication."

Eshkour also said that the cutbacks would result in the loss of many small rural pharmacies. "Only the big volume pharmacies will survive but the relationship between the patient and the pharmacy will not survive. They will not be able to meet the needs of individual patients."

Eshkour spoke about his years working in a big pharmacy in the city where he served hundreds of people without being able to make any connection with them. He talked about what it meant to him to become a pharmacist in a small community where he could get to know his patients personally and be able to help them as individuals. "My income is less here, but the rewards are beyond description."

To Eshkour it is all about the patients, and he says it is sad that they are the ones that the government's decision will hurt the most. He said, "Of course it would be devastating to us to have to close our doors as we feel we are part of a family. But at the end of the day we are only three people; it is the community at large that will suffer."

Johnson however, said "There are always two sides to every story, and my position is this. Over the next ten years the number of seniors in the province will double. The cost of the Ontario drug plan in 2007 was \$3.7 billion and this year it is \$4.7 billion; more than 10 percent of the health care budget. If we don't get the costs under control over the next ten years, health care will not be sustainable."

Despite Eshkour's comments to the contrary, Johnson said that for the most part seniors seem to understand that, particularly when faced with an alternative that includes no drug plan at all. He said, "We have to find away to get costs under control particularly when we're paying significantly more for generic drugs in Ontario than other provinces and countries."

Johnson also said that there are too many people without a drug plan of any sort and, with these changes, the costs for items like oral contraceptives or blood pressure medication will drop considerably. "Sometimes people aren't aware of the actual costs for drugs, but the government is paying the costs and we have to come up with some solutions."

Johnson also said that overall people are primarily concerned with what the restructuring will actually look like. "All parties have to get back to the table and find a way to resolve this."

According to Johnson, the Minister of Health has been very clear and public. "She called for meetings last Friday and the pharmacists refused to go." Johnson said that the offer is still there to go back to the table and figure things out.

"We're not cutting the amount in the Ontario drug plan; we're shuffling it," he said.

Johnson said that the province's drug plan had been audited and the auditors had discovered that 70 percent of the pharmacies audited weren't using the allowances properly. "So we have come up with another way of paying the pharmacies for the actual services that they provide. The detail is to figure out exactly how much they will be paid."

Meanwhile, 150 million dollars has been set aside to pay for these services and, in response to concerns raised by pharmacists like Eshkour, an additional 20 million dollars or more for rural areas. Johnson reiterated that, "We aren't cutting the amount of money being put into it. It is a restructuring but that is where we need to get folks back to the table; to determine how to redistribute those funds."

Johnson stressed the fact that the government wants to lower the cost of drugs because many residents of Ontario don't have any drug plan. "They need access to cheaper drugs and that is why we're putting additional money into the program for rural

Ontario."

In addition to the funds earmarked for rural Ontario, Johnson also clarified that the increase to the dispensing fee would range from \$1.00 to \$4.00 for the underserved areas which would further compensate rural communities.

While disappointed to hear Eshkour's comments, Johnson said that he fully understood his concerns. "He has been clear about what this will mean to him and I've promised to get back to him this week with some answers."

In the interim Johnson is waiting for some answers himself from the Minister's office and the Ministry is waiting for the pharmaceutical companies to get back to the negotiating table.

"They are refusing to get back to the table until May 15th which is the day the changes come into effect," Johnson said.

Johnson also commented that some of the advertising being paid for by the large pharmacies are blatant lies. "We're not making cuts. Page 170 of the 2010 budget clearly shows that we are increasing health spending by over \$2.5 billion again this year and we have increased health care spending by well over \$10 billion over the last five years."

According to Johnson, the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Ontario Nurses Association, the Canadian Association of Retired People, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society and many other organizations are supporting these changes.

"When you look at the increases we have had to deal with and the number of people that will be qualifying for the drug plan, the question is how we are to maintain universal coverage. For organisations that have benefit packages this will result in a huge savings."

"Meanwhile, we are expanding the formula for the amount of drugs that will be covered, but the pharmacists will have to justify the fees that are charged. There will be many other services that they will be allowed to do that will ease the burden for the doctors."

Johnson finally said, "This is about lowering the costs of generic drugs for families and seniors and making the province's plan sustainable."

The debate will continue, and likely heat up over the next few weeks. Stay tuned. ■

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Volunteers Welcome

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County boasts a wide array of charities, groups and clubs, many of which couldn't exist or function without the tireless commitment and support delivered by their volunteers.

Recently the Haliburton Legion hosted a volunteer fair organised by Roxanne Casey of Canoe FM, Lynn Higgs Thompson Hospice/Alzheimer client services coordinator at SIRCH and Brigitte Gebauer

Volunteer Coordinator at Community Care Haliburton County.

Organizations including Cottage Dreams, Stanhope Museum, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, YWCA, the Minden and Haliburton hospital auxiliaries, the Lily Ann and the 4C's and many more were all at the fair hoping to recruit new volunteers.

Volunteers who are already part of successful programs and initiatives spoke to the bustling audience on Saturday. Roxanne Casey from Canoe FM said, "Volunteers are the most fundamental form of citizenship. When someone offers their time and skills of their own free will it's an extension of being a good neighbour. While helping someone else they also benefit while gaining skills, self-esteem and enhancing their life."

Twelve million volunteers are present country-wide in Canada, giving 2.1 billion hours a year with 160,000 charitable organisations.

One of those charitable organisations is Point in Time, a centre for children, youth and parents which identifies, provides and strengthens support services enabling residents of Haliburton County to function at their highest potential. They have a wide range of services including, youth outreach, respite services and a volunteer drive which helps families to medical appointments. Currently 100

children from Wilberforce, Cardiff and Minden are enlisted in after school programs with them.

Erin Curry, a recreational worker at Point in Time who began as a volunteer herself, says the organisation is "so useful in this type of setting. Few people have cars so our volunteer drive really helps in this rural setting. Volunteers are so important to our structure and programs."

Other volunteers on the day spoke of how rewarding volunteering can be. MPP Rick Johnson commented at the event that he learnt about the act of "volunteering at a very early age. My mum died when I was 12 and our family was very much impacted by how volunteering can help and how it deeply effects you." Johnson spoke of community initiatives such as school volunteers who help with reading and breakfast programs along with Places for People who recently renovated a house in Haliburton to provide low cost housing.

Sheila Ziman chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust told the crowd the reason volunteering is so great, "is because you're the boss and you can control your hours. At the end of the day no-one can fire you!"

Others spoke of the fulfillment that came from volunteering, local singer and artist Gord Kidd explained how, "I can't express how amazing volunteering is in just five minutes. However it gives you or someone else inspiration for today and hope for tomorrow."

The sheer numbers at the event highlighted the giving nature of residents from Haliburton County, constantly giving back and that's how many of the organisations exist often under the invisible cloak of the volunteer. ■



Above left: Gord Kidd spoke to the audience at the Volunteer Fair held last Saturday regarding his experience of volunteering.

Above right: Jamie Hurley shared her experiences of her time helping those who need volunteer support at the Volunteer Fair.

Below: Several patrons visited the Haliburton Legion to get information about the countless organizations in the County who need volunteers.

Savouring Flavours & Celebrating the Arts In Dorset

7th Evening of Wine, Words, Music & Art Showcases Local Talents

By Mark Arike

It appears as though organizers of the 7th annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music & Art in Dorset follow the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" adage when it comes to the format of their event. Sights, sounds, flavours and celebration once again were enough to attract many to the Dorset Recreation Centre this past Friday evening.

The evening's festivities kicked off with an art walkabout, in which guests had the opportunity to peruse the work of artists from Dorset and Haliburton County, sample a few of the new flavours from Haliburton's Moon Shadows Estate Winery, and chat amongst one another before the stage performances.

"This is a very special event for us because the arts community in our village of Dorset is becoming incredibly rich and exciting," said emcee of the event Jan McDonald. "There are so many new artists that have come to our community, and this gives them the chance to get to know one another and it gives supporters of the arts a chance to have a fun evening together."

Haliburton County area artists featured in the stage spotlight included singer/songwriter Zoe Chilco of Carnarvon, fiction writer Bob Smith of Ingoldsby, and internationally published writer and poet Ruth Walker. Many of the spoken word artists incorporated a good dose of humour into their skits, while others – like Joy Salmon Moon – took the audience on a true journey back in time based on personal experiences.

"This [event] continues to be a success," said Melissa Alfano, Recreations Coordinator, who along with a group of volunteers on the recreation committee put together the event. Alfano added that each year the organizing committee tries to include new artists, writers and musicians from Haliburton County and Muskoka. In the months leading up to the festivities, a call for artists was advertised through various outlets to generate interest.

When an Evening of Wine, Words, Music & Art was in its first year, the event was held in just a small meeting room and a majority of those in attendance were the performers themselves. Nowadays, between 50 and 100 people show up to enjoy the company of artists and celebrate the vibrancy that the arts has to offer in Dorset and its surrounding communities. ■



Hunville Native Ruth Cassie performs in Dorset



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Haliburton Music and Comedy Festival

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Musicians and Comedians are joining forces as part of an upcoming one day festival on August 7th in Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

Team McKecks and The Blue Line have announced SMILE, "The Haliburton Music & Comedy Festival". Proceeds will not only go to The Blue Line, the Community Support Program of the well known restaurant on Highland Street but also to participating organisations and their volunteers.

SMILE will be a festival where music and comedy come together in an all day event. "This is a unique combination of talent whereby we present six to seven bands as well as a variety of the province's best comedians. It will be a day to make everyone smile", explains Creative Director, Sean Carthew.

Head Lake Park will be the location for this all day event from 12 pm to 9 pm. Representatives of The Blue Line have already had their first planning meeting with the Municipality of Dysart et al. McKecks owner, Maarten Steinkamp notes, "When I took over the restaurant last year, I shared my ambition to organise a music event in Haliburton. It is time to make that promise come true. I am extremely grateful for the support from the township, especially Reeve Murray Fearrey and Tammy McKelvey."

The Blue Line, powered by Team McKecks, has been supporting the Haliburton community over the past nine months in a variety of ways. They began when the restaurant was closed for a month last year while renovations were completed on the restaurant.

General Manager of McKecks, Karen Frybort says, "It has been such a rewarding and grateful experience. We just want to be able to keep doing this. I hope we raise lots of money with SMILE." She is calling on fellow organizations and 'chariteers' to help The Blue Line to organize SMILE. "And we will share the proceeds with these volunteers...all in the spirit of our organization; we help others to help themselves."

The idea of the festival came from Steinkamp who hails from the Netherlands, and who wanted to bring a part of his homeland to Haliburton. Carthew says, "The festival idea was one of the first things he wanted to do and in the Netherlands they have a lot of comedy and music shows so we've decided to combine the two together here in Haliburton."

SMILE intends to be a fun event to support serious matters in Haliburton such as health, education and general well being. Frybort comments "August 7th will be a day where we want to make people happy, in more than one way!"

The line-up for SMILE will be announced early June. Carthew says, "It will be a mix of local bands and artists from elsewhere. It's going to be an eclectic form of music, Blues, Jazz, Rock and then great Comedy. We're going to have buskers in the street and a scavenger hunt from 12 to 2pm that day and then the festival will start."

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Haliburton Folk Society Welcomes a Younger Crowd

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



Melissa Dudgeon and Keith Burley

"Folk music isn't stuffy and boring like some kids might think, folk music for me is music for the people. It's not just purely folk," says 15 year old Keith Burley, one of the two newly appointed youth ambassadors for the Haliburton Folk Society.

Joining him will be Melissa Dudgeon, 19. The two teenagers will help increase youth involvement within the folk society and will represent the musical interests and initiatives of local youth on the Folk Society Committee.

The idea was introduced after youth involvement within the society, according to Trina West youth

program coordinator, "was very minimal and sporadic. The whole thing was just untouched and we want to show the younger generations what folk does and its appeal to kids. We're hoping with the program that the kids will reach out to the kids."

Originally the Folk Society was looking for just one ambassador however after seeing that, "the two had such incredibly good resumes we wanted to utilize both their talents and take them both on board. They both had common interests and it's great because they both represent different ages of the scale."

Melissa and Keith will receive a complimentary membership for one year to the Haliburton County Folk Society; free tickets to four concerts in 2010; five free CDs from the Folk Society's collection; their song recorded at a local recording studio and a radio interview on a local radio station.

The twosome both have already performed at the Folk Society's open mic nights, which is where they heard about the competition. Music has been an integral part of the formative years of their lives. While Melissa found a love for the guitar four years ago, Keith "begged for a drum kit three years ago" and hasn't stopped playing them since.

In the future Melissa wants to, "continue to put everything I have into creating genuine, unique music that everyone can enjoy. I hope that I can help the youth of Haliburton to do the same. I think Canada

produces some of the best music the industry has to offer and I hope that I can be genuine and unique. The industry is very competitive so it's good to have a fallback. I'm going to further hone my skills and continue to write my songs and see where it takes me."

Keith has been perfecting his musical skills as of late too. His band, Karma @ Midnight with his friends Jesse Johnson and Scotty Duggan, will record their music in the local studio too and one day they hope to see it played on the radio.

Both Melissa and Keith intend to create a youth committee in the next coming weeks where they will recruit 12 members, each representing a genre of music they are most passionate about. With the help of the committee they want to see major youth involvement with open night mic nights at coffee houses that the Folk Society already host. In the future they want according to Keith, "to have tons of people perform at the band stand in Head Lake Park in Haliburton in the summer."

Along with the open mic nights Melissa hopes to "work with the youth to see what kind of events and activities they would like to do and also to encourage them to participate in the wonderful programs already offered by the Folk Society. There are many talented young individuals in Haliburton County and I think that the folk society has a lot to offer them."

The upcoming year looks to be a busy one for the twosome. ■

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Rockcliffe Sold: After 33 Years, Dave Willis Hands over the Keys

Dave Willis, who's owned the Rockcliffe Hotel and Tavern for longer than other proprietor in the Hotel's 150-year-old history, has finally passed the torch to the father-son team of Michael and Sean Hooey. "This place is an institution," said Mike Hooey, "and Dave Willis is a legend."

"I never thought for a minute I'd be here this long, that's for sure," said Willis. "But then again, I've never regretted the decision to leave that other life in Toronto either." Way back in the 1970s Willis was a highly successful, hard driving advertising account manager and on the side a world-class international squash player, taking in tournaments all over the world. "When I bought the Rock from Bill O'Brien in 1977 it had already begun to have a reputation as a place to have a really good time – and I made sure that continued."

Mike Hooey has been a successful television director and producer for many years in Toronto, working initially with City-TV in the 1970s, followed by stints at CTV and as an independent producer with the Food Channel, and Home and Garden Television for the last 15 years. "I think my background in the entertainment industry will stand me in good stead for this business. But my son Sean is the one with the hands-on experience." Sean graduated in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Niagara College and has seven years daily experience in restaurants and food chains in Halifax, St. Catharines, and in the Entertainment District in Toronto. He's worked all sides of the business, including security, food and beverage, and restaurant management.

"I'm just delighted to have the chance to run a business like the Rockcliffe that's been such a successful and unique place for so many years," said Sean. "We're not going to make huge changes right away, we'll upgrade in baby steps, but we're determined to make the Rockcliffe the place to go for locals and cottagers alike." And for certain, the tradition of high-end pub bands will continue. Sean will be the day-to-day manager, even taking up residence in the old hotel.

The Hooeys will concentrate initially on some needed work to the building itself, and will continue



New Owners Sean Hooey (L) and Mike Hooey (R), with Dave Willis (and the world famous T)

to provide well-prepared pub fare. And, of course, they'll continue the world-famous line of Rockcliffe University casual clothes that Dave Willis marketed with such amazing success from the 1970s on, which sent the Rockcliffe name literally around the world. "We're determined to make a success out of this business," said Mike Hooey. "But we have the greatest respect for what Dave Willis has accomplished over the years." ■

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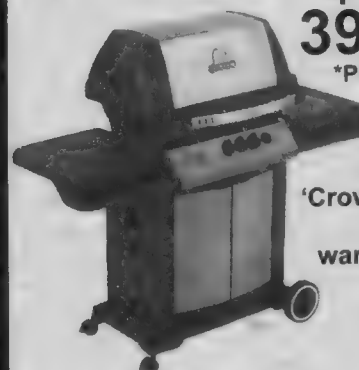
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Filmmaker and Poet Alex Hamilton Brown

Unfinished? Maybe, but still good enough for First Place

Submitted by Sheryl Loucks

Writers often lament their work is never really finished but former local resident Antonia Armstrong can be proud that her poem Unfinished has taken first place in the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network's Annual Poet Tree Project.

Winners were announced at R.D. Lawrence Place on April 10th. Honourable mentions were given to Alex Hamilton Brown for his poem In The Morning of the Silence and to Heather Forman for her short poem Sisters. First place won \$100 and the two honourable

mentions each won \$25 from HHWEN. This is the third year of the project.

Judges Pat Brown and John Unrau, said it was a difficult decision, not only because of the high quality of the entries, but because judging poetry is a bit "ridiculous" due to how subjective a judge's likes are. Unrau contends that a civilized society should be able to just sit down with a pint of Guinness and entertain each other with their poetry without it being a contest, but he did concede the contest is what inspires many to write.

The poetry will be on display for the rest of April – poetry month. The Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, at 176 Bobcaygeon Road. Here is Antonia Armstrong's winning entry:

UNFINISHED

No matter how we fuss and think we must
Tidy up the mess we make
Our stuff will never be quite straight
Nor clean enough, those motes of dust
Alighting as we sweep
Nothing ever stays the same
Nothing will ever keep
The way we want it to remain.

Like a skein of wool
Raveled again on the floor
The one you've tried to pull
And disentangle so many times before
That ragged fringe of mat
The rucked up paper that won't lay flat
Or that dirty crack between the door
You've swept clean a thousand times before.

That lost sock the dryer ate
A missing button, a hole you cannot patch
The china horse head that won't reattach
A word of warning too late
The gloves you left behind
On that disappointing date
All these are no match
To the clutter in your mind.

Relationships that went awry
You want to save, but when you try
Elude you, though you don't know why
You wish to go back and fix things
You want to clear up those loose strings
That dangle, so offensive to your perfect eye
You want it all to fit in a riband box and mark
Case closed and store it neatly in the dark.

Earth Day Celebrated in Minden

Earth Day 2010 was celebrated in Minden last Saturday at the Cultural Center from 1 to 4PM. Rick Lowes from Moose FM was on hand to officiate the events. There were several exhibits by local earth-friendly organizations including the Gaia Centre, Kinark Outdoor Centre, Beach, Maple and Carmen Lakes Association, YWCA, EH- Environment Haliburton, HH Local Food Coalition, Haliburton County Land Trust, Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, Out To Learn and Bark Lake Leadership Centre.

Musical selections were performed by Trina West, (MPP) Rick and Terri Johnson and Barry Howard along with his drumming ensemble. In the Common Room, Green Party Candidate Suzanne Lautens presented Good Green News, information about new exciting initiatives. The first place "name the tree" winner was Lorna Hicks, with "Treeific", followed closely by Kay Millard and Leo Dobrzensky with "Tree Blessings". At closing, the earth-day flag was officially passed to Highlands-East, next year's host of the event. Dave Burton, Reeve of Highlands-East, was unable to attend, so MPP Johnson accepted the flag from reeve Jim McMahon in Burton's absence. ■



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I think we have too big of a conglomerate for them to close down. I think a lot of it is a tempest in a teapot, I don't think it's a particular problem here. The big drug companies will lose money but the smaller drug companies won't.



Len Logozar, Haliburton



Steve Robson, Ingoldsby

Yes I think they are. The fact that the government are taking away a very critical source of their income but they are not taking anything away from the major drug manufacturers seems very unfair. In terms of savings to the government it's very small savings, the generic drugs only make up 35 percent of the cost. There should be other things to look at. I think the pharmacies will struggle and will have to find ways to generate income.

I think the local pharmacies will be able to stand on their own two feet, I doubt they'll close so I'm not worried about it. I think it's a threat by the pharmacists to try and scare everyone into believing it.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Volcanic Climate

The eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull isn't likely to have any significant effect on the climate, but the global grounding of aircraft due to the European no-fly zones has resulted in a small decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. Vulcanologists say that the towering columns of ash from the volcano have contained only small amounts of sulfur, which has cooled the climate in other eruptions by reflecting sunlight. Also, the ash hasn't reached very high in the atmosphere, where its climatic influence would be greatest. Grounded aircraft worldwide had not emitted the more than 3 million tons of carbon dioxide as of Tuesday that they would have if the flight ban had not been imposed, according to the Environmental Transport Association. It's estimated that Eyjafjallajökull spewed about 15,000 tons of CO₂ each day during the most powerful phase of its eruption.

Exxon Valdez Legacy

Residual oil from the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill is still being consumed by Alaskan wildlife more than 20 years later, according to a new Canadian study. Researchers from Simon Fraser University say they used biomarkers to measure exposure to oil in harlequin ducks. Writing in the journal *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*, lead researcher Daniel Esler said that "unequivocally higher" levels were found in birds feeding in areas oiled by the spill than elsewhere. Esler says the findings show that the consequences of oil spills are measured in decades rather than years. A spokesman for ExxonMobil Corp. told reporters in 2006 that more than 350 studies done by independent researchers had failed to find any significant, lingering impact on wildlife as a result of the spill.

Early Birds

Bird watchers across Canada are being treated to sightings of migratory birds returning weeks earlier than usual due to mild spring weather. "One morning, there were virtually no song sparrows around at all, and the next morning the countryside was crawling with them everywhere, singing and hopping around," New Brunswick naturalist Jim Wilson told the CBC. On Canada's West Coast, Hammond's flycatchers arrived on Vancouver Island about two weeks earlier than expected during early April, according to Ann Nightingale, president of the Rocky Point Bird Observatory in Victoria. The winged travelers appear to be responding to a mild winter and early spring, rather than climate change, bird experts say.

South Seas Rumblings

The Pacific island nation of Vanuatu is preparing to evacuate almost 3,000 villagers if a volcano that has been rumbling for months becomes violent. There have been at least 13 eruptions at Mount Garat since 1963, with the mountain spewing ash and sulfur on crops across the island of Gau as recently as last October. Seismologists say recent activity has been significantly more powerful and unstable.

Earthquakes

At least 11 people were killed in northern Afghanistan by a 5.4 magnitude temblor that also wrecked more than 200 homes.

• The strongest quake ever to rock Western Australia's Goldfields caused some damage but only two injuries.

• Earth movements were also felt in New Zealand's Bay of Plenty, South Australia, Tonga-Samoa, eastern Tennessee and in the eastern Dominican Republic and nearby Puerto Rico.

Outback Swarms

Weeks of wet weather that brought rare lush vegetation to Australia's normally arid interior has proven irresistible to swarms of locusts that are now ravaging the Outback. The insects are more than unwelcome to the region's farmers, who have suffered from a decade of drought and now must deal with a locust plague since the rain has returned. The worst swarms in 30 years have already wiped out thousands of acres of crops, as well as ravaging even larger tracts of pasture, according to agriculture officials. Farmers fear that there will be even more losses later this year when new generations of locusts hatch during September and October.

Pigeon Democracy

Pigeons seem to use a flexible system of leadership while choosing what direction to fly, in which every bird in the flock gets a vote, but status determines who are more likely to lead and who are followers. Scientists from Oxford University and Hungary's Eötvös University fitted the birds with tiny GPS backpacks to plot their movements. The team then documented changes in direction and altitude of individual birds in the flock to determine which initiated any given change in direction and which followed. Analysis revealed well-defined hierarchies and ranks of leadership that determine which birds have the most influence. Writing in the journal *Nature*, the researchers said they found that a bird's position in the flock matched its rank in the hierarchy, with individuals nearer the front more likely to be responsible for choosing which direction to fly.

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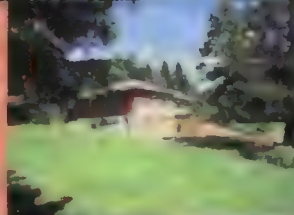
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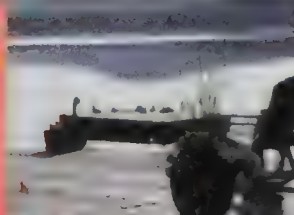


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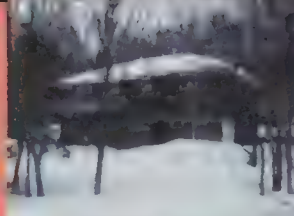


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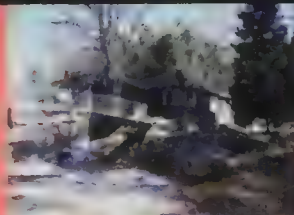


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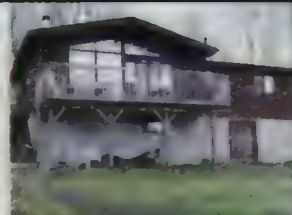


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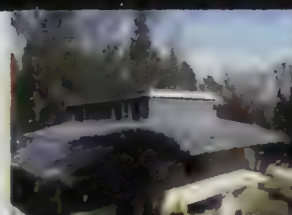


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Beautiful Lake View - \$219,000

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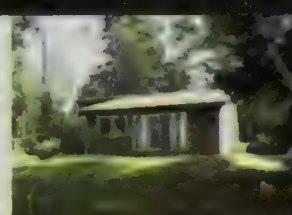


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Haliburton Lake - \$329,900

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EMS Considering an Ambulance Base for Tory Hill

"A base in Tory Hill would fit well with our response time requirements."

(EMS Director Pat Kennedy)

Over the past few months the Highlands East Council and the County's EMS Committee have been keeping a close eye on the ever increasing number of calls for an ambulance service in Highlands East.

During the Ward reports at the Highlands East Council meeting last week, Reeve Dave Burton commented that he was quite alarmed by the number of ambulance calls. He said, "We should be looking at a base here." Burton said that, when looking the numbers, they had increased dramatically and that wasn't factoring in calls taken from the Bancroft area.

Burton said he was unsure if the increase could be attributed to the townships aging population or other factors, but said, "If ever there was a time to set up a base here, the time is now."

Burton briefly mentioned the possibility of using the (old) Tory Hill Firehall as a base but Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie voiced some concern over its condition.

The increase in calls has resulted in an ambulance roaming in the area whenever a third ambulance is on duty. A fourth ambulance is staffed on holiday weekends and County Council has approved an additional vehicle every day during July and August which will ensure increased coverage in Highlands East.

Burton referred to the fact that the ambulance was roaming, rather than having a base to work from. "It would be nice for them to have a place to use some facilities. If we had a base here, whether on a temporary basis or permanently, we would be subsidized up to fifty percent by the province, which would at least cover the costs of our utilities. I think it would be a real plus for Highlands East."

Council agreed that the item would be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

During an EMS Committee meeting in March, Mackie had asked for statistics showing the number of calls and where the response had been from. He said that he wanted to be able to determine whether the numbers had increased as a direct result of more incidents or whether it was due to the fact that the Haliburton based ambulance was taking calls away from the ambulance based in North Hastings. Even then, Mackie confirmed that the increased statistics could be an indication of the need to establish an ambulance bay in the Highlands East area.

During the April committee meeting last week, EMS Director Pat Kennedy commented again on the increasing numbers of calls in Highlands East during a discussion about preparations for the upcoming summer season. Kennedy said, "In 2008 there was a total of 67 calls for service and this year there have been 109 to date."

Kennedy himself wasn't sure exactly why the numbers were climbing, but he said, "We will have to look at alternate solutions to a roaming vehicle."

Despite his previous comments about establishing a base in Highlands East, Mackie cautiously commented that the committee would first have to ensure that the numbers weren't simply an anomaly.

Committee member Bill Davis (Dysart Deputy Reeve) said he thought there was a simple explanation. "There's been no ambulance there for a long time and now that people know the ambulance is there, they will call rather than being taken to the hospital by a family member."

"If you put it there, people will use it," he said.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner agreed, saying, "If you think the ambulance is close and can respond quickly, you will call the ambulance rather than packing the person into a car."

But Kennedy said, "There's still no real change (in placement of ambulances). The only time a vehicle is there is when we have three vehicles on call. A large percentage of the time, no one is there."

Kennedy also said that of the 109 calls to date in 2010, 40 of them had been responded to by other services. "So we're still not capturing all the calls."

Meanwhile, the County's EMS Committee have been holding discussions about establishing a large new base in the Minden area. Treasurer Laura Janke reported during recent budget discussions that a deposit had been made on a Highway 35 property.

When asked if he could comment on a new Minden Base, Kennedy said that the matter was on the agenda for a closed session on April 28th. "I am anticipating that further direction or a decision on the future of the property will be made at that time."

When asked what his position was on the Tory Hill building owned by Highlands East, Kennedy repeated his comments from his recent committee meeting, saying, "We have identified that increasing call volumes in Highlands East are an issue and our vehicle is roaming whenever vehicle levels permit."

Kennedy confirmed that currently there are no facilities available to his crews in Highlands East, so the crews rotate during the day for personal and meal breaks. He said that it would be up to County Council to make any decision on a long term solution.

Kennedy also noted that when Algonquin Highlands added to their firehall, they had incorporated a bay large enough to house an ambulance, and had made their hall available to ambulance staff at no charge.

Kennedy agreed that the municipal building in Tory Hill would be suitable for their needs. "It fits well with our response time requirements in the eastern portion of the County, but at present there are no additional resources available. The building would have to be based on the same criteria we have now. If we have three ambulances available, we will deploy one to Highlands East."

When asked if work would be required to the building, Kennedy commented that it would be premature for him to comment. ■

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Arts and Heritage in the County to be boosted by \$122,000 grant

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

There were celebrations last Friday at the Cultural Centre in Minden to congratulate those who were involved with successful applications for three Ontario Ministry of Culture grants totaling an impressive \$122,000.

The three funds are: \$53,000 from a Creative Communities Prosperity Fund, \$27,000 from a Cultural Strategic Investment Fund and \$42,000 from a Museums and Technology Fund.

In a collaborative effort the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre managed to secure the grants.

Along with the grant money Daniela Pagliaro, director of the Cultural Centre noted, "We did have to come up with matching funds and matching in-kind which we received from the Stanhope Museum, HCDC, U-Links, Arts Council- Haliburton Highlands and The County."

MPP Rick Johnson attended the event and commented, "You demonstrated a clear need and a clear vision of what these funds will be used for. I think it's wonderful and it's very deserving. Branding Haliburton County and having Haliburton County as a complete County is really important. It's great news for the County and I look forward to coming back in the summer to see how the money's been spent."

The Creative Communities Prosperity Fund aims to develop a Municipal Cultural Plan for the Township of Minden Hills (one of the four lower tier municipalities in the County) by involving cultural mapping of Haliburton County's cultural assets.

According to the Arts Council press release, "The Municipal Cultural Plan will provide a model for the other three lower tier municipalities in the County should they wish to seek municipal cultural planning funds in subsequent years. The project will also

include training in cultural planning for the Township of Minden Hills and the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, to build capacity within the County by developing our own experts. This expertise will later be shared with all lower tier municipalities."

The Cultural Strategic Investment Fund will help to highlight the Haliburton Highlands as a destination for varied and high quality Performing Arts events. The initiative is a collaboration between the Arts Council- Haliburton Highlands and already established performing arts presenters in Haliburton to attract audiences from other areas, increase awareness of the dramatics and to create an outline for performing arts marketing for rural areas.

Kim McBrien, coordinator of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands said, "The fund will help to build a performing arts roundtable that will bring together performing arts organisations in dance, music, theatre and film from across the County to work together on collaborations. This will help us develop a marketing plan for this group but also help brand the Haliburton Highlands as a destination for performing arts. We have such rich and diverse performing arts activities happening in the community and much of the province doesn't know that there they are out there and this is a chance for us to have people come flocking in."

The last fund, Museums and Technology will be used to obtain hardware, software and collections management training so the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum and the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands can digitise their collections for ease of use for the public, educators and researchers. The fund according to Pagliaro will give the institutions a chance to launch the collections "online so they become available to all Canadians through the Internet."

Jim Blake, Community Economic Development Consultant at HCDC, commended all of the individuals who were involved in developing partnerships and gave credit to the County.

At the end of the speeches Pagliaro added, "It's truly been a collaborative effort and we keep saying that it's collaborative spirit that is the thing that binds the County together. It's why all the right things that have happened here over the years have happened. We do it without as many resources as a lot of other areas have." ■

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Cops for Cancer - Pedal for Hope Rides into Minden

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist



It was a celebration of belief, but also a sad remembrance. The Cops for Cancer - Pedal for Hope cycling team rode into Archie Stouffer Elementary School at 9AM Monday morning. They were there to bring a message of hope for child cancer victims, as well as pay special tribute to Dawson Hamilton, one of their special young friends who succumbed to cancer earlier this year.

Pedal for Hope co-captain Marc Habgood spoke emotionally of Dawson, saying, "I can still picture Dawson sitting on the stage two years ago." The team presented Dawson's parents, Scott and Heather with a framed Ride for Hope team jersey in memory of Dawson.

They were hoping to meet up with Dawson's brother, Tanner, for lunch in Haliburton after bicycling the next leg of the trip.

The gathering became more upbeat as the focus turned to finding a cure for this disease that has robbed so many lives. The head shaving soon began. Cops for Cancer started in Edmonton in 1994 in response to a pediatric cancer patient who was being teased at school because he had become bald as a result of treatments. In support, police officers shaved their hair off.

The tradition continues today, with pledges and head shaving as a source of fundraising. While in the schools, the team initiates an upbeat atmosphere rallying the students and staff through various games, and calling on the help of their mascot, Mr Bear. Fun activities, including ice cream eating contests fuel the drive to find the elusive cure. The Peterborough chapter of Cops for cancer was founded in 2005; they have since been supporting young cancer patients throughout this region. The Pedal for Hope team cycles over 1,000 kilometres each year, visiting local schools and delivering a message about kids living with cancer.

The Peterborough chapter has presently raised over \$750,000 for pediatric cancer research and is hoping to achieve their \$1,000,000 goal this year. Nationally, Cops for Cancer has been responsible for \$32.8 million dollars being invested in pediatric cancer research. ■

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Duchene Steps to the Forefront in Calder Hunt



Denver's two young guns Melo and Matt strike up a friendship

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

Haliburton's Matthew Duchene entered the Calder trophy fray in earnest last week, one of three young men named as finalists in the NHL's annual rookie of the year sweepstakes.

Last Thursday the league office in New York named Duchene (a Colorado Avalanche forward), Detroit Red Wings goaltender Jimmy Howard and Buffalo Sabres defenseman Tyler Myers as the 2009-10 nominees for the Calder trophy. The Professional Hockey Writers' Association conducted the voting.

Of the three, Duchene emerges as the youngest and the only "true" rookie in the talented threesome.

As the Canadian Press wire story out of New York outlined, "the three nominees play very different roles, and they are also from different draft classes."

The 19-year-old Duchene was selected third overall in 2009; Myers, 20, was taken 12th in 2008; and the 26-year-old Howard was picked in the fourth round in 2003.

Duchene led all rookies in scoring with 55 points tying John Tavares for the lead in goals with 24. He also helped the Avalanche back to the playoffs for the first time in two years.

The Avalanche, ranked eighth in the west, drew the short straw and were eliminated by the number one seed San Jose Sharks in 6 games during first round of NHL playoff action. Their season ended in Colorado last Saturday with a 5-2

loss to the Sharks.

Duchene scored three assists in his first playoff series and in spite of a slow start this season he managed to compile some very impressive rookie numbers.

Howard spent four years in the American Hockey League with Grand Rapids before taking over the Red Wings' No. 1 job this season.

He started 25 consecutive games at one point and finished with a 37-15-10 record, 2.26 goals-against average and .924 save percentage.

Myers led the Sabres in ice time with 23 minutes 44 seconds and finished with a plus-13 rating. He was also third in rookie scoring with 48 points (11 goals, 37 assists).

The NHL awards will be given out in Las Vegas on June 23.

Meanwhile Duchene seems to be enjoying Denver and is taking some time post-playoffs to finally get to know his new town. For most of the season Duchene has been immersed in an endless trek from home to rink to airport.

The lifestyle of the professional athlete is a lot of things, but glamorous it ain't.

Mostly it's a lot of travel, intermingled with practice, games, and then home to relax.

Duchene has been lucky enough to find warm comfort of home cooked meals and the stability of a family life billeted with Av's defenceman, team captain and veteran all-around dad, Adam Foote.

It's a soft landing for the talented rookie and it's probably a vital component in Duchene's unprecedented success this season.

Kudos to the Colorado management and Foote for providing such amenities.

It's certainly a template that's inured in the rookie gospel ever since Sid Crosby spent his own rookie season billeted with the godfather of Pittsburgh soul and Penguin team captain Mario Lemieux.

Duchene has found a niche in Denver.

He likes Denver and the fans certainly like Duchene.

For a city that was in mourning following the loss of long time captain and future hall of famer Joe Sakic - who retired after the 2008-09 season - Duchene and the other young guns who have revitalized this franchise have offered some solace and a tonic to

the Avalanche faithful.

The Avs, in spite of their first round ouster played well above expectations this season and with the heady crop of young players things are looking very bright for this team with the long pedigree of post-season success.

Duchene seems to be fitting in and has also found time to get to know another young man blessed with some inordinate athletic gifts of his own.

An article by Denver Post writer Mark Kiszla last week outlines a budding friendship between Duchene and Denver Nuggets star Carmelo (Melo) Anthony.

Anthony, the franchise face of the Denver's National Basketball Association (NBA) team, is a huge hockey fan says Kiszla.

"I could be a hockey player," said Anthony, in a Kiszla article posted on April 21. "I'd be an enforcer."

He'd have to be.

Melo, 25, would stand a head-scraping 7 feet tall in Tackaberries.

Oh and Melo can't skate. But of course that hasn't stopped a few legendary NHL enforcers from making a living in the past.

"So the NBA all-star lives vicariously through his new buddy, Avalanche rookie Matt Duchene," writes Kiszla.

"We're mutual fans," Duchene told Kiszla last Tuesday, shortly after a 2-1 overtime loss to the San Jose Sharks which tied the series at 2 games apiece.

It ain't quite Felix and Oscar, but the two athletes make an odd couple. Melo with a Puerto Rican father and African American mother grew up in Baltimore, went to Syracuse University and was chosen third overall in the 2003 NBA draft.

They wouldn't seem to have much in common.

They have found some commonality though. Two young professional athletes far from home.

Both have a common stake in their careers.

Both rely on some god-granted gifts, but both are inured to the dogged demands of their trade.

Both have staked their whole lives in pursuit of separate but eerily similar goals.

Melo's childhood dreams on the hard baked and cracked cement playgrounds of Baltimore concluded with a pull up jumper in game seven of the NBA finals, the ball smiting twine just as the

seconds tick from the clock.

Duchene grew up with the same scenarios flicking through his noggin, the puck on his blade on a final crisp rush down the wing with the game tied in overtime during game seven of the Stanley Cup finals.

The two young stars met and have struck up a friendship based on commonality of purpose.

"When not playing a starring role in front of the net or above the rim, these two stars can be found in the same building where they go to work, wearing street clothes and acting like unabashed fans," writes Kiszla. "Melo cheers for Duchene. Dutchie has Anthony's back."

"Anthony and Duchene, however, have discovered they are brothers, sharing a kinship neither athlete can find anywhere else in town. Both stars were asked to be saviors for franchises praying for rebirth. What's more, both men were asked to perform this miracle as 19-year-old rookies."

Both live with the rigor of the day-to-day scrutiny, that compulsion to perform Herculean tasks.

"For me, coming into the league, it was tough," says Melo. "Back then, I didn't realize how tough it really was as I do now. What I went through at 19 made me what I am today. Now, there are some things I wish I didn't do, but I don't regret anything I went through."

Duchene thinks he can learn a lot from Melo.

"I like the fact Melo steps up when his team really needs him. He's not cocky, but you can see that inner swagger, no matter the situation. That's the trait of a superstar," Duchene says. "As an athlete, I admire (Anthony), because I struggle to find that swagger sometimes. I've always had confidence, but at this point for me, it's all about learning to have it when the team needs it most, whether things are going good or I'm in a slump."

But hey, the kid, as most fans in Haliburton already know, is a quick study.

And he seems to have an uncanny knack for surrounding himself with winners. ■

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Pied Biker of Haliburton Blazing some Trails

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

Haliburton educator Blake Paton knows where the rubber hits the road.

And also where aggressively knobbed bike tread connects with the rocks and the puddles and the branches and the dirt.

Paton, a teacher at JD Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, has never been a big fan of the path more-travelled, preferring instead to while away winter days traipsing the Glebe park cross country trails on twin thin boards.

In the spring, summer and fall Paton spends time negotiating those same trails from the teetering edge of a mountain bike seat, bumping and grinding over the ruts and deadfall.

This spring Paton is already out on the trails.

No surprise there.

"It's been a warm spring and the trails are drying up pretty quickly," says Paton.

What's different this year is that Paton is not alone.

On Monday's and Thursday's you will see Paton, 'the Pied Biker of Haliburton,' leading an intrepid pack of young cyclists off the pavement and into the woods and trails of Glebe Park.

Paton, who is also involved with teaching kids the basics of cross country skiing during the winter, has undertaken an after-school voluntary riding program for local kids who want to learn the basic techniques involved in cross country riding and racing.

Several local cyclists had initially contemplated forming a cycling club this year, but Paton said that those plans are currently on hold. Local cyclists are taking a wait-and-see approach to the club, but will be actively looking into the logistics of setting up a formal club for 2011.

For now local riders ride informally says Paton, but his ad hoc kids' ride has apparently taken on a life of its own.

The group of 10 kids gather in a driveway just prior to setting out on their hour-long ride and they say that the program is an excellent way of building confidence on the trails.

Owen Flood is pumped and spends time popping wheel stands and front side endos (a one wheel stand on the front tire) while waiting for Paton to arrive.

Flood says the program is a blast and a great way to build on his rapidly expanding bike repertoire.

Some of the kid riders are preparing for an upcoming race on May 8. Parents dutifully pull in and drop off the bikes and kids.

Paton says it's an informal but serious setting for instilling safe riding and exploring racing and woods riding techniques.



Owen Flood Heads Out

be for the summer riders, and tourists. "So when we're out training we're also doing the work of 'riding-in' the trails, and that's good," says Paton.

"It's been such a great spring for bike riding, we don't usually get weather like this in April," adds Paton, who has been riding twice a week with the "posse" for the past three weeks. "It's been a pleasure to be out riding and the kids are really enjoying it."

The rides are conducted in an informal setting and Paton says that's good, because as groups start moving to club-centered activities, things get more complicated.

Paton says that right now they're just a group of friendly individuals, who happen to ride from the same place at the same time every week.

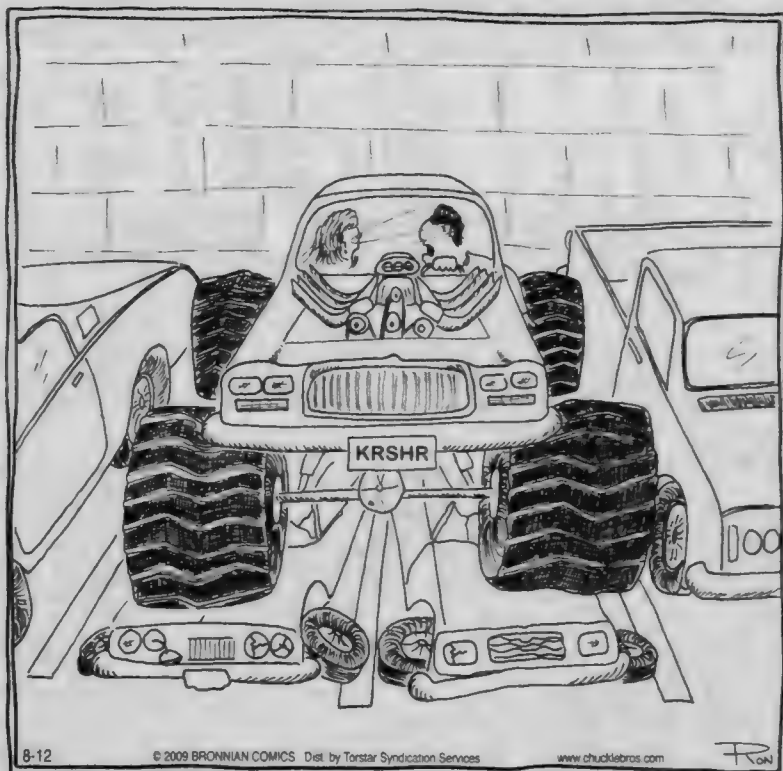
Anybody who wants to come out is welcome.

"Next year we'll have a structure and a routine to build on," says Paton. "We'll have some good athletes too, because I see the fitness changes in the kids who have been coming out; and they see it too."

One of the young riders, Ryan vanLieshout, is certain that he's been improving and he can hardly wait for Paton to arrive.

"He's teaching us to ride, how to go uphill, when to pass and the best times to move," says vanLieshout.

Mostly he enjoys the serious aspect of the training. "We start and we ride for the whole hour. We don't stop." ■



"And you thought I couldn't find a parking spot."

Ten years at Kai-Chin Karate

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



From left: Owner and sensei of Haliburton's Kai-Shin Karate Club Mike Chapman holds a plaque congratulating him, from his sensei Monty Guest.

It was a grand celebration at the Kai-Chin Karate club a week ago Saturday as sensei Mike Chapman looked back at the first 10 years of his club and looked forward to the next 10.

Mike believes the reason his club has had such a long standing presence in Haliburton after so many clubs have failed is due to the availability of his classes. "I hold two classes every night and a Saturday class too. I'm open all summer, I was always told, 'Keep your doors open; the worse thing to do is to keep them closed.'"

Mike celebrated on Saturday by hosting a seminar with his mentor, Monty Guest and then later demonstrations were shown to a busy crowd of the century old sport by karate senseis from other clubs.

The past 10 years for Mike have "been good. Each year the club has become stronger. You have your peaks and valleys with anything, but for the last three years we've done extremely well with the students."

Along with teaching four to 74 year olds, Mike has shown an unwavering commitment to his pupils. "I've got a good core in the club. There are great kids here and the parents are always an excellent help."

After the celebrations were packed away on Saturday Mike began preparing for the club's June 6th competition



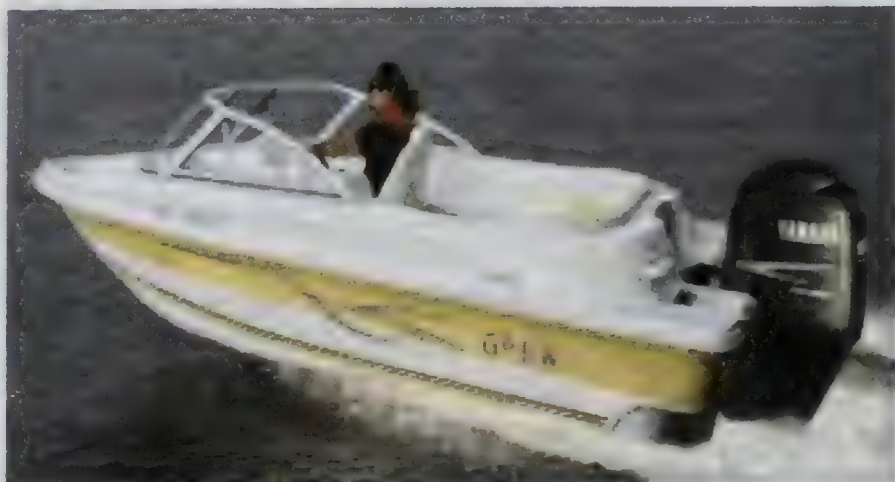
in Peterborough. According to the instructor, "The more the students go to competitions and compete, the more successful they become."

Kai-Shin Karate is open Monday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the Saturday class starting at 10:30 and running to noon. The club is located at 229 Highland Street in Haliburton and can be contacted at 457-3616. ■



On the left John McCullum performs karate with Trevor McLaughlin (black shirt), two senseis who showed karate demonstrations at Haliburton's Kai-Shin Karate Club 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

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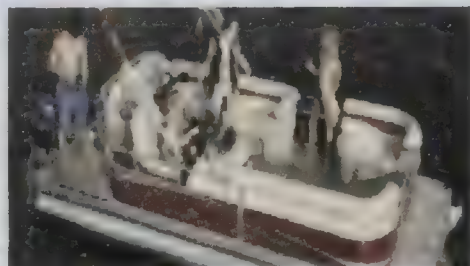


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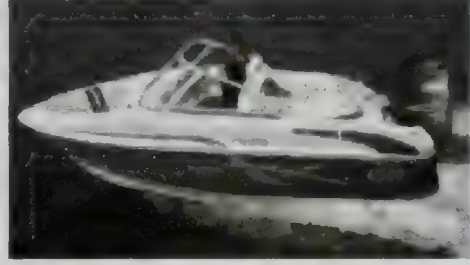
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Lifted Lorax Plays to a Sold-Out Crowd

Lyn Winans

Photojournalist



They were parked all along Vintage Crescent, from the school to McKay Road, and both parking lots were full. Taped inside the main glass doors, reflecting the cars and the pines, were signs that read, "THE LIFTED LORAX IS SOLD OUT we are sincerely sorry for any disappointment this may cause" You have to be kidding, right, on an April evening in Minden?

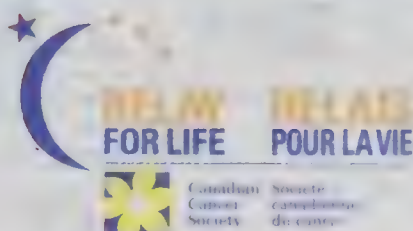
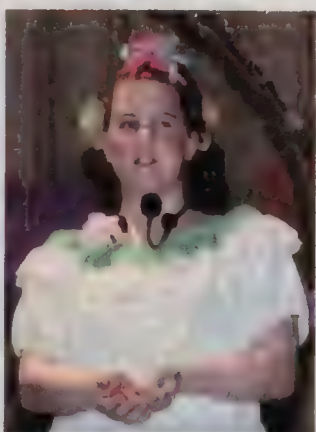
But it was so, the cast and crew of the Lifted Lorax had packed the Archie Stouffer auditorium last Thursday night, 418 tickets were sold, and it appeared that they could have held a second showing. The play itself was an environmental musical adapted by teacher Michele Coneybeare from the Dr. Seuss, book "The Lorax". Keeping with the earth day theme, the printed program clearly stated that, "No creatures were harmed in the making of this production."

The costumes were colourful and creative, the young actors animated and the music obviously well rehearsed. In reference to some story characters sickened by pollution, grade three student Carter Semach reported, "My favourite part was when the Bar-ba-loots had crummies in their tummies and were farting, I laughed so hard."

When seed packets were given out at the end of the performance to encourage people to do "their part" for the environment, kindergarten student Ty Mills asked, "Will these seeds really grow

a Truffula Tree like in the play?" The answer to Ty's question will remain a mystery, at least until the seeds poke their heads through the soil and blossom.

Proceeds from the presentation will go towards two projects, an ASES Drama Club Fund and a Fred Flintstone type, earth friendly outdoor classroom to be located in a shady area of the school yard. ■



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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

SISTER FEARS INHERITANCE MAY DOOM DRUG-ADDICTED BROTHER

DEAR ABBY: My brother is a lifelong drug addict who has spent the last two decades in and out of jail. He rarely works and has no permanent residence, finding shelter instead with various friends, girlfriends and sometimes sleeping in his broken-down vehicle. When he calls me, it's always with some creative story and a request to send him money. The money I have sent over the years has gone to pay for his new drug fix, not to resolve whatever problem his sob story was about.

Recently, our grandmother died and she left each of us some money. As her executor, I am responsible for making sure my brother gets his share. While I want him to benefit from this modest inheritance, I'm afraid he will use it to buy drugs — possibly enough drugs to harm himself, if unintentionally. Obviously, this is not what our grandmother would have wanted. How can I make sure this money goes to help, and not further enable, my drug-addicted sibling? — CONFLICTED SIS IN MARYLAND

DEAR CONFLICTED: Consult an attorney, preferably one who has experience with wills and trusts, and see if some arrangement can be made that ensures your brother has a roof over his head and won't starve. It may be possible that something can be worked out so his necessities would be paid for him, without his actually getting his hands on the money.

DEAR ABBY: I have been left confused and bitter over the loss of my best friend, "Sally." I expected to go to her children's weddings and be there for the birth of her grandchildren.

Sally had an affair, which I knew about. When her husband, "John," found out, he called me asking why I didn't tell him. After that horrible phone call, during which I lied to protect Sally, I never heard from them again.

Had I known this would happen I would have told John the truth. Instead of leaving her husband, Sally gave up her friendship with me. What did I do wrong? Should I be punished for listening to her? What would you advise your readers to do when someone starts telling them about an affair they're having? — THROWN UNDER THE BUS, BELLEVUE, WASH.

DEAR UNDER THE BUS: What you did "wrong" was allow yourself to be dragged into that mess as a co-conspirator. Silence implies agreement. Once John realized you knew all about her affair and lied, you became as guilty in his eyes as Sally and her lover. My advice to readers about what to do when someone starts telling them about an affair? Stay out of the line of fire by telling the person you don't want to hear it.

DEAR ABBY: Like many parents, my husband and I would like our three children to read more. And they, like many children, would prefer to watch more television. We arrived at a compromise, and I would like to share it with your readers.

Many television shows are also available with closed captioning. For those who don't know what closed captioning is — it is a service available on most TVs that shows what is being broadcast via audio. We mute the television and have the children read the words instead of listening. It works great! Their reading skills have soared, and I have noticed they are now reading more books than they used to. In addition, I really enjoy the quiet time while we're watching the TV.

Please pass this strategy on. Some of our friends are also doing it and feel it has helped their children, too. — PROUD PARENTS

DEAR PROUD PARENTS: I'm pleased to spread the word. Closed captioning, which was originally intended for use by people with hearing disabilities, can also be very helpful for individuals who are learning English as a second language.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your flair for innovative art and design keeps you at least a step ahead of most everyone else.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical side. After all, you never can tell where those new contacts can take you. Right?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships — domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion soon will resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Traveling and career are strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision you're not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid spears the Archer, for a change. Positive things also are happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat — whether it involves a personal or a professional matter — will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

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1. Janet Leigh in "Psycho."
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2. James Caan in "The Godfather."
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3. Margaret Hamilton in "The Wizard of Oz."
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Kirk Douglas in "Spartacus."
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5. Ali MacGraw in "Love Story."
Answer _____
6. Leonardo DiCaprio in "Titanic."
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Jack Nicholson in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."
Answer _____
8. Slim Pickens in "Dr. Strangelove."
Answer _____
9. Susan Hayward in "I Want to Live."
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Stabbed to death in shower. 2. Gunned down at a toll plaza. 3. Melted by water thrown on her. 4. Crucified. 5. Cancer (leukemia). 6. Freezes to death (exposure). 7. Smothered with a pillow. 8. H-bomb explosion. 9. Executed in gas chamber.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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Death Notices



Blair Riel
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Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto on Tuesday April 20, 2010 in his 59th year. Beloved son of Vera Riel and the late Walter Riel. Loving brother of Gordon (Joan) of Minden, Ray (Barb) of Lindsay, Ron (Pearl) of Strathroy, Rick (Lori) of Lindsay and Rob (Wanda) of Gooderham. Predeceased by his brother Jackie. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday afternoon, April 23, 2010 from 4 - 8 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday April 24, 2010 at 11 o'clock. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

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The Township of
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Red Cross WSI and Lifesaving Society lifeguard certification are required.

Please forward resumes to the Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department c/o The Dorset Recreation Centre, Box 99, Dorset ON P0A 1E0 or email to dre@algonquinhighlands.ca by April 30, 2010. Only those being interviewed will be contacted.

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Help Wanted



YWCA HERS Crisis Intervention Workers (CIW)

Part-time On-call
CUPE LOCAL 3521
Starting Rate: \$17.73/hr

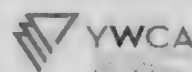
The YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton seeks part-time Crisis Intervention Workers for our Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS) for women and their children who are fleeing abuse. Successful candidates will provide crisis intervention and support services on a call-in basis. CIWs will work part-time, generally nights, weekends, & holidays.

Requirements:

- Post secondary education in a related field and/or experience working with women in crisis
- Proven ability to deal effectively with crisis situations and to provide support from a woman centred perspective
- Ability to work alone and within a team
- Ability to work within YWCA Reason for Being, Values and Policies/Procedures and legislative requirements
- Familiar with violence against women issues and committed to anti-oppression learning
- Ability to work shifts on weekends, evenings, holidays and overnights as scheduled and on short notice. Must live within an hour's drive of Minden.
- Car, valid driver's license and appropriate insurance required
- Ability to attend relevant training as required
- Effective verbal and written communication skills in English with other languages, including ASL, an asset
- Computer skills in Microsoft Word, e-mail, Outlook, and internet
- Non-Violent Crisis Prevention and Intervention and CPR/First Aid Certificates an asset

A full job description for both positions is available at the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County, at 11 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden Ontario or can be sent to you electronically by request by e-mailing us at ywcahal@bellnet.ca.

Forward cover letter with your resume by noon, May 5, 2010 to:
Darlene Smith-Harrison, YWCA Outreach Service Coordinator
YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County
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Or by email to dsmith-harrison@ywcapeterborough.org
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Women's Health Care Centre
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Clinical Counsellor/Therapist
Temporary Part-time Contract
May 15, 2010 - September 1, 2010
CUPE Local 3521
Starting Rate: \$24.80/hr

The YWCA exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty and oppression. We seek a Counsellor/Therapist (21-28 hours/week) for our Women's Counselling & Well Being Program, YWCA Minden Office, to fill a temporary vacancy.

Major responsibilities: to provide psychosocial assessments, clinical counselling, and case coordination services to women who have experienced violence, sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse. To provide consultative services on violence against women issues and to co-facilitate psycho-educational groups.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Counselling or equivalent, with three years experience in direct counselling, or a Master's degree in Social Work, Counselling or equivalent with one year direct clinical counselling experience. Knowledge of clinical issues involved in violence against women, sexual assault, and childhood sexual abuse, and demonstrated ability to apply this knowledge in a women centered and women directed counselling model. Ability to work within YWCA values, policies/procedures and legislative requirements. Thorough understanding of rural environments and issues. Excellent communication skills in English, (written and verbal) with additional languages as asset. Computer literacy and ability to use Microsoft Word. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a client-focused team. Commitment to anti-oppression work. Must have access to a vehicle, valid driver's license and appropriate insurance.

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Leaving their Blues Behind Jerelyn Craden Performs to the Delight of Pinestone Audience

by Mark Arike

Jerelyn Craden is a woman gifted with numerous talents. This past Friday the spotlight shone on her vocal prowess as she aimed to "chase the blues away" at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

"That's our intention for the evening," said Craden, minutes prior to the evening concert held in the Highlanders Lounge.

Along with her longtime friend and talented singer/piano player, Mike Lewis, the two performed a mix of classics from the likes of George Gershwin, Harold Arlen and Judy Garland.

In their time as friends, Craden and Lewis have performed at various venues including bars and theatres in Toronto, and most recently packed the Wintergreen pancake barn for two shows.

"We get together whenever the opportunity arises," said Craden, who has been a welcome resident of the Highlands for the past two-and-a-half years.

Craden has a well-documented career, most of which has seen her heavily involved in the performing arts and media/marketing fields. Some of her notable accomplishments include ACTRA and NCRA awards for broadcast writing. Her novel, *Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon*, was listed as number one in Toronto Metro News and has received rave reviews all over the world.

Since she's been professionally involved in multiple streams of performance and media throughout her career, what's the common theme that ties it all together?

"It's all storytelling," she explained. "Singing is storytelling. Writing is storytelling. That's what it's all about. It's a love of storytelling."

You can catch Jerelyn on Cance 100.9 FM for "Fireside Stories" on the second Saturday of every month at 12:40 p.m. and the second Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. You can also catch up with her colourful radio character Maybelle (who makes regular blog updates) at maybellemorton.wordpress.com ■



McKecks- The Blue Line Helps Student Actors

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



Karen Frybort and Sean Carthew

McKecks the Blue Line have extended a hand to High School Drama students from Haliburton High School. The students will receive a professional acting lesson as well as performing as the opening act for Second City Alumni tomorrow night.

Elke Zilla, drama teacher at Haliburton High School and Sean Carthew, entertainment director from McKecks joined forces to create the idea.

McKecks the Blue Line is a charity created by owner of

McKecks the restaurant, Maarten Steinkamp and General Manager, Karen Frybort. Carthew says that the Blue Line is "dedicated to education, people in need and the performing arts."

The Second City Alumni specialises in sketch comedy and improvisation. Elke and her son Caleb began their own improv classes recently and so the match seemed like a natural process to take. Carthew adds, "Elke and I had both been talking since McKecks launched its entertainment season. I always wanted to have dinner and theatre nights and I really wanted to get the High School involved in some way."

The Blue Line will be funding the acting class taught by actress and comedienne Stephanie Herrera from Second City Alumni. She will be teaching the drama students an improv workshop on Friday afternoon at the High School and then nine students will be performing to the audience at McKecks.

Carthew says, "It's such an amazing opportunity for them and something that doesn't always happen especially at their age. The teaching by Stephanie will really be a chance for them to dig their heels in and get dirty. Improvisation certainly isn't easy. It's the purest form of theatre and the kids will be nervous but it's an opportunity they can't pass up."

The idea is set to be the first time since the charities inception that they have funded an initiative for education however Carthew doesn't want it to be the last. Carthew who has a degree in acting with a theatre background notes, "I've written a play named *Shapeless* which centres around eating disorders and body image. It's been performed in Toronto but I would love to hand it over to the students and for them to take complete control by way of directing and producing it." Although the idea is just in the pipeline right now Carthew hopes it to take off in the future. ■

Kids Trek through the Jungle for Entertainment

Toronto-based Theatre Group Performs to Full
Crowd at AppleJack's

By Mark Arike



Jungle creatures had the little ones entertained this past Sunday at AppleJack's while on a search for the name of one special tree.

Performed by actors from Toronto's Little Red Theatre group, the lively show was based on the novel 'The Name of the Tree' by Celia Barker Lottridge.

In the African Bantu tale, hungry wild animals go on a zany mission for food that leads to them to a tree full of savoury fruit. The only problem is that they're not tall enough to reach it and only calling the tree by its name will release the goods.

What must they face? The Great Lion Queen is the only animal in the jungle that knows the name; therefore the characters are forced to find her for the answer.

Throughout the act, audience participation was often encouraged in song and direct interaction with the actors.

This was the first kid's show that the folks at McKecks The BlueLinehostedatAppleJacks. More performances won't be scheduled until the fall, winter and spring months.

"We will keep bringing something new, with music, great stories, big costumes and tons of fun for the kiddies," said McKecks' creative director Sean Carthew, when asked what to expect. "We want to inspire the kids and give them something magical to see."

For all upcoming McKecks events visit www.mckecks.ca/events-calendar/ ■



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Police Reports

Search Warrant Executed

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the City of Kawartha Lakes/ Haliburton County Crime Unit executed a Criminal Code search warrant on April 13th, 2010 at 1028 South Lake Rd in the Township of Minden Hills.

Officers seized a quantity of marijuana, cash and stolen property.

Charged with Possession For the Purpose of Trafficking in a Schedule II Drug (marijuana), Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.00 and Unauthorized Possession of a Weapon are Justin McKelvey 21 years of Minden Hills Township and Jamie Poyner 19 years of Minden Hills Township.

Both of the accused will be appearing in Minden Court on June 3, 2010 in relation to the charges.

Coming Events....

Highland Lakes Community Church Movie Night

Sarah's Choice

Where: Minden Hills Community Centre
in the Anson Room

When: Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.



Sarah Collins is a young woman on the rise. There's only one thing that's going to keep her from getting there; her unborn baby. Sarah has a choice to make that will not only change her life but the lives of her loved ones both now and forever.

Admission: non-perishable food donation for the Minden Food Bank.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

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Patti Johnson** 505-286-1234 ext. 218

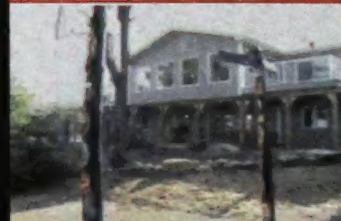
OPEN HOUSE MAY 8TH - \$239,900



Open House, May 8, 10:00-12:00, 272 Highland Street
1056 sq. ft. 3 bedroom bungalow features finished walkout lower level, private fenced rear yard, large rear deck area. Recent upgrades include: oak hardwood & ceramic floors, upgraded wood kitchen, custom window coverings, main floor laundry.

Lauri Roberts* 457-2414 ext. 43

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Chris & Michelle Smolars* 457-2414 ext. 22

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Open House, May 8, 10:00-12:00, 3858 Highway 507
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Rachel Carther* 497-2414 ext. 18

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Larry Hickey* 457-2414 ext. 23

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1128 sq. ft. cottage plus bunkie loaded in pine. Features cathedral ceilings, pine plank floors, wood airtight stove, lakeside screen porch, pine kitchen and nice decking and docking. Easy year round access, ample parking. 172' ft., 1.37 acres

Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

BOYNE LAKE - \$109,000



1.72 acres - 155 feet water frontage - fairly level lot - smaller quiet lake - driveway in - partially cleared - ideal for cottage or waterfront home.

Larry Hussey* 705-457-2414 ext. 23

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Kerrie Miller** 286-1234 ex. 328

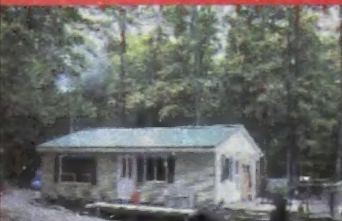
KENNEDY BAY ROAD - \$219,000



View of Surgeon Lake from this recently renovated open concept 3bdrm bungalow with short walk to marina. Spacious layout featuring white oak hardwood floors, newer windows, Pacific Energy woodstove, newer plumbing and wiring, huge master bedroom and oversized bathroom with Jacuzzi tub.

Cathy Bain* 286-1234 ex. 224

GETAWAY CABIN - \$129,900



Getaway cabin on 2.65 acres. Newer siding, doors, windows and decking. New drilled well, steel roof and shutters. Partially landscaped, cedar rail fencing, new circular gravel driveway. Interior all recently upgraded with pine plank flooring and ceiling.

Debbie Canham* 457-2414 ext. 34

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Saturday, May 15, 2010
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All proceeds go to help out local YWCA women's shelter and violence prevention programs for women & children across Ontario. Donations of gently used items welcome. Small appliances only. Sorry, no upholstered furniture or mattresses.

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Gloria Caroschus or Clady Macneil* 754-1932

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Debbie Canham* 497-2414 ext. 34

CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000



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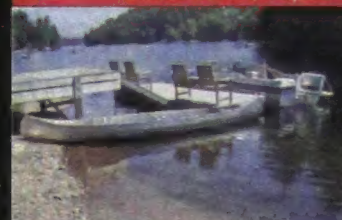
PINE LAKE - \$369,900



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REDSTONE LAKE LOT - \$139,000



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Gloria Caroschus or Clady Macneil* 754-1932

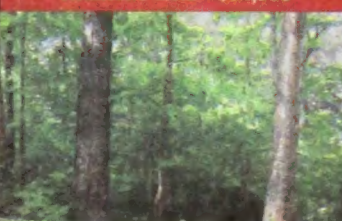
BURNT RIVER - \$77,500



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Diane Knapp* 488-3077

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Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

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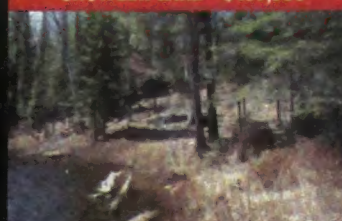
NORTH PIGEON LAKE - \$389,900



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Kerrie Miller** 286-1234 ex. 225

GROWLER LAKE - \$169,500



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BURNT RIVER - \$77,500



Burnt River Waterfront building lots. Nicely treed, level building site with driveway. Well study completed, septic approvals granted, hydro installed. Located on quiet dead-end road. You can hear the sound of the rapids! Buyer will be responsible for paying GST and/or HST. South of Kinmount. Take Highway 121 to Somerville Concession 11 to Burke Road. Property is on left - look for signs.

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

WALKERS LINE - \$29,000



Gorgeous one acre lot just steps away from lake access on prestigious Kushog Lake - well treed with year round municipal road access - adjacent lot also for sale.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

PANABODE LOG HOME - \$199,900



Panabode log home with detached double garage on a 2.5-acre lot. Features pine floors, main floor laundry, eat in country kitchen, spacious bedrooms with built in wall cabinets, wood air tight stove on stone hearth, covered front veranda.

Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

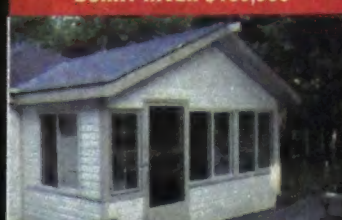
SAMS LAKE - \$430,000



Outstanding privacy with 850 feet of frontage on the lake surrounded by 15 acres of forest. 4 bedrooms, pine floors & ceilings plus open concept living/dining rooms & kitchen.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

BURNT RIVER \$169,500



Charming 2 bedroom cottage plus bunkie. Nice level lot with plenty of trees, 150 feet frontage. Many recent upgrades, near the village of Burnt River, only 10 minutes to Cobocok.

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